

SIR ISAAC NEWTON

From a copy of a bust by Roubiliac, in the possession of Christopher Turnor, Esq., at Stoke Rochford

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Sir Isaac Newton's Family.—By CANON C. W. FOSTER,
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IN the volume xxxviii of the ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES' *Reports and Papers* two articles were printed in connection with the bicentenary of the death of Sir Isaac Newton, the most famous of Lincolnshire men. The first, written by Mr C. K. Bird, M.A., consisted of an account of *Newton's Work*; the second, by Mr Christopher Turnor, of Stoke Rochford, was entitled *The Country-Side in Newton's Day*. It is now proposed to give some particulars of Newton's ancestors and relatives.

Several accounts of Newton's family have been printed. Edmund Turnor, in *Collections for the History of the Town and Soke of Grantham*,¹ printed the pedigree which Sir Isaac Newton drew up for registration in the College of Arms in 1705. This pedigree was founded upon his title deeds, and on the parish register of Colsterworth, and was supported by affidavits (printed by Turnor) of Sir Isaac and his cousin, Sir

(1) pages 168-9.

John Newton, baronet, of Culverthorpe.¹ Turnor also printed a long letter about Newton from Dr Stukeley. A pedigree, which is less complete than the one last mentioned, was printed by the late Canon A. R. Maddison, from the papers of Mr A. S. Larken, Richmond Herald, in *Lincolnshire Pedigrees*.² This pedigree is based upon the account of the family in the Herald's Visitation of Lincolnshire in 1634. In 1874, the late Reverend John Mirehouse, rector of Colsterworth, reprinted the College of Arms pedigree of 1705 and the affidavits, with extracts from the parish registers of Haydor, Bassingthorpe cum Westby, North Witham, South Witham, and Colsterworth, co. Lincoln, and Belton, co. Rutland, adding some fresh particulars about Newton's family contributed by the Reverend Thomas S. Hill, Colonel Chester, and Mr W. H. G. Bagshawe. He also, for the first time, gave a full account of the descendants of Newton's half-sister, Hannah Smith, and of the Newtons of Culverthorpe who, by a special limitation, succeeded to the baronetcy of Newton of Barrs Court.³ It is not proposed to repeat these latter particulars here, but to confine the present account to Sir Isaac Newton's branch of the family. For this purpose, new evidence has been obtained from wills, parish registers, the lay subsidy rolls, and other documents; and the wills and inventories which are printed in the Appendix will serve to illustrate the economic status of the family. Access to parish registers has been granted to the writer by the kindness of Canon G. E. Mahon, rector of Colsterworth, the Reverend D. S. Davies, late rector of North Witham, the Reverend H. L. Wooffindin, rector of Great Gonerby, the vicar of Bassingthorpe and Bitchfield, the Reverend W. M. Dixon, vicar of Tattershall, Miss Puckeridge, and the curate in charge of Skillington.

In the following account of the family the numbers in italic type, and enclosed in brackets, correspond with the numbers in the key pedigree at the end of this article. L.C.C. stands for Lincoln Consistory Court, the wills and administrations of which court are preserved in the Lincoln District Probate Registry.

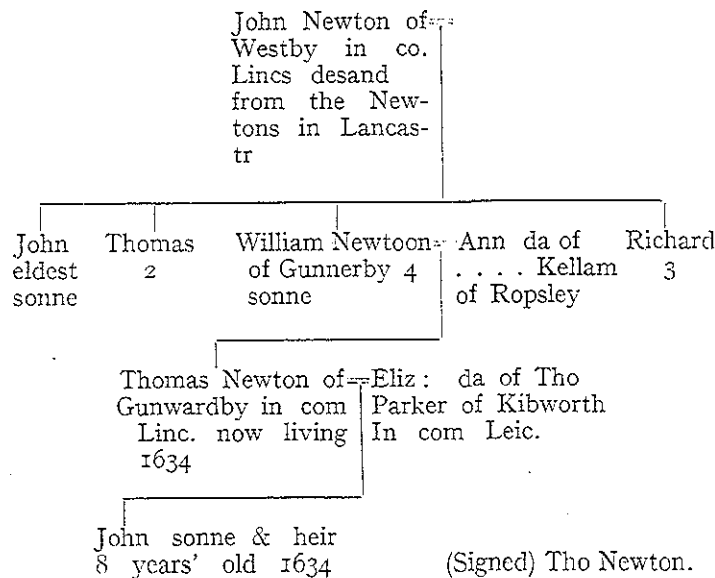
Pedigrees of the Newtons of Westby in the parish of Bassingthorpe and of Woolsthorpe were entered in the Herald's Visitations of Lincolnshire in 1634 and 1666 respectively, and these are printed below from copies which have been made for the purpose of this article, from the original documents in the College of Arms, by the kindness of Sir Henry Farnham Burke, K.C.V.O., C.B., Garter Principal King of Arms:

- (1) pages 170-1.
 (2) Harleian Society's Publ. II, p. 726.
 (3) *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica*, new series, I, pp. 169-76, 191-4.

PEDIGREE No. I

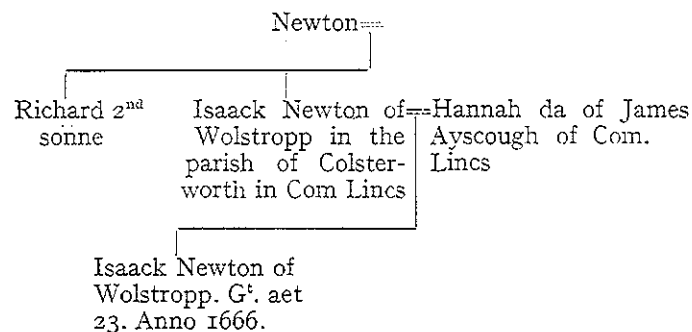
Visitation of Lincolnshire 1634
 (MS. C.23, f.73)

ARMS: Sable, two shin-bones in saltire argent.



PEDIGREE No. II

Visitation of Lincolnshire 1666
 (MS. D. 23, f.19)



The John Newton (3), of Westby, with whom the Visitation pedigree of 1634 begins, was Sir Isaac Newton's great-great-grandfather, the descent being through the third son, Richard. The first two Johns in this pedigree shall be distinguished as John II (3) and John III (6). John II seems to have been the son of an earlier John (see below), whom we will call John I (2). Now, the evidence of wills and parish registers shews that Sir Isaac Newton, in 1705, not having before him the evidence to be obtained from the family wills, failed to distinguish between John II and John III, and concluded that the latter was the John who bought an estate in Woolsthorpe, and dying in 1562, was his ancestor. This mistake led him to misinterpret the quite accurate Visitation pedigree of 1634; and the same error has been perpetuated by Mr Larken, Mr Mirehouse, and Canon Maddison, who all, very pardonably, followed the great man's guidance. Sir Isaac's pedigree of 1705 is printed below (Pedigree no. III). He stated in his affidavit that the deed of 1562 was then in his possession, by which document John Newton II settled the land which he bought in Woolsthorpe on his sons Richard, George, Robert, Simon, and William Newton, and their heirs, in succession. This settlement, seemingly, led Sir Isaac to the conclusion that Richard was the eldest son, since he came first in the entail, and from this it followed that he could not be the Richard named in the second generation of the pedigree of 1634 (Pedigree no. I), and in the same generation of his own pedigree of 1705 (Pedigree no. III), because that Richard was the third son. The evidence now available proves that Sir Isaac's ancestor was the third, but second surviving, son, Richard, of whom Newton said: 'what became of him, or his descendants, is not yet known.' The correct descent is given in the Pedigree no. IV, below.

The pedigree of 1634 states that John Newton II was descended from the Newtons of Lancashire. If this is correct, the migration probably took place not later than the first quarter of the sixteenth century, for the family was settled at Westby and in the neighbourhood in 1524. The story of the Lancashire origin of the family is the less improbable from the fact that, in the sixteenth century, there was, for a cause which has still to be explained, a considerable incursion of Lancashire families into Lincolnshire. At one time Newton seems to have played with the notion that his family was descended from a noble Scottish house of Newtown, a derivation for which there appears to be no evidence at all. In the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries it was considered more desirable than it is now for new men, who had become eminent,

(1) Appendix, no. 23.

to establish a descent from an armigerous family; and there are many instances of venial officials who were ready, for a sufficient consideration, to accept bogus pedigrees. The pedigree, however, which was entered in the College of Arms in 1705, on the strength of the affidavits of Newton and his cousin, Sir John Newton, was perfectly genuine, (though mistaken in an important particular, as mentioned above), and contained no suggestion of either a Lancashire or a Scottish descent. The available evidence proves a descent from a yeoman at Westby in the time of Henry VIII, whose father seems to have been in a humbler social position than himself, and who had relatives in the same and neighbouring parishes. The presumption, therefore, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, is that the family was one of native Lincolnshire descent, which took its name from one of the several places called Newton in the county. The family is found at Newton by Folkingham, within ten miles of Westby, in the reign of Elizabeth.

J. SIMON NEWTON (1), of Westby, in the parish of Bassingthorpe, in 1524, paid fourpence, on an assessment of twenty shillings in wages, to a subsidy granted by the laity to the king. He was one of fourteen inhabitants who paid that amount. There were eight others who paid sums ranging from 12d. to 9s. 6d., while one, Thomas Ellis, (who is otherwise known to have been a person of importance), paid £16 13s. 4d.¹ It is clear, therefore, that Simon's place was low in the social scale. Twenty years later, in 1544, his place in the subsidy roll is taken by John Newton I senior, whose name is followed by that of John Newton II junior. This roll is the record of a benevolence granted by spiritual and temporal persons worth £5 a year in lands and £10 in goods or upwards, for the defence of the realm.² The number of contributors in each village is small, and it is evident that it was only the wealthier inhabitants who contributed. Under Bassingthorpe, which included the hamlet of Westby, there are four names: Richard Cony £9, John Newton senior 40s., John Newton junior 13s. 4d., and Robert Cony 10s. In February, 1545-6, John Newton (the 'junior' of 1544), of Bassingthorpe cum Westby, paid 10s. on an assessment of £10 in goods. At the same time, John Okeley paid 5s. on an assessment of £8 in goods, and Joan, John, and Robert Cony were assessed on lands.³ John Newton senior, it seems, was dead. It is evident that the Newtons had improved their position in the world since 1524.

(1) Lay Subsidy roll 136/333, col. 2.

(2) *ibid.* 137/421, mem. 8.

(3) *ibid.* 137/441, mem. 1.

jj. JOHN NEWTON I (2), of Westby, yeoman, contributed to the subsidy in 1544, as mentioned above. No conclusive evidence with respect to his parentage is likely ever to be forthcoming; but the probability is that he was the son of the Simon of 1524, whose place he had taken in the subsidy roll of 1544; and it may be presumed that he was the father of John Newton II (3), who, as the subsidy rolls indicate, succeeded him at Westby. It is not without significance that John II gave the name of Simon to one of his sons. John I seems to have died in, or soon after, 1544, since that is the last occasion on which his name appears on the subsidy roll.

jjj. JOHN NEWTON II (3), of Westby, husbandman, who contributed (as above) to the subsidies of 1544 and 1545-6, was probably the son of John I. On 20 January, 1562-3, Michael Newton and Ellen his wife, for £40 quitclaimed from themselves and their heirs to John Newton and his heirs one messuage, one toft, one garden, 60 acres of [arable] land, 20 acres of meadow, 40 acres of pasture, one acre of wood, and 6 acres of furze and heath, with the appurtenances, in Wollestrop and Colsterworth.¹ This was probably the property referred to in the deed of 19 December, 1562, by which John Newton II settled an estate which he had brought in 'Wilstrope, in the parish of Colsterworth', that is Woolsthorpe, on his five sons, Richard, George, Robert, Simon, and William Newton, and their heirs, in succession.² This property descended from Richard to Sir Isaac. Richard's eldest surviving brother, John, was excluded from the settlement seemingly because he succeeded to the farm in Westby where his father dwelt, and also received a house with its appurtenances³ in Westby under the will of his grandmother, Katherine Nixe.

John Newton II married Mary Nixe (4), whose father may safely be identified as the Thomas Nixe of Burton le Coggles who contributed 20s., on an assessment of £40, to the subsidy of January, 1524-5.⁴ Thomas was dead in March, 1544-5, and in the subsidy of that month, his place is taken by his sons John and George Nixe; and, in the subsidy of the next year, by his widow Katherine and his said two sons.⁵ Mary's mother, Katherine Nixe, by her will, dated 22 March, 1544-5,⁶ bequeaths to Mary Newton, her daughter, two angel nobles

(1) Feet of Fines, 5 Eliz., Hilary, [no. 6].
 (2) Appendix, no. 23.
 (3) The appurtenances included the definite share of the common rights of pasture, etc., attached to the messuage.
 (4) Lay Subsidy roll 136/333, col. 2.
 (5) *ibid.* 137/421, mem. 7d.; and 137/431, mem. 1.
 (6) Appendix, no. 2.

and two kine to provide for the marriages of her children, and also her 'silver harnes' girdle'; and devises to her grandson, John son of John Newton, of Westby, a house with the appurtenances in that place. She also bequeaths to her son, John Nixe, her bees with their hives in trust to 'keype one lyghte every sonday and hollyday in y^e yere before the blyssyd Sacrament in the church off Burton and one other lyghte called the rowndell¹ before the rowde in y^e sayd church so longe as y^e stocke off the sayd bees contynewys'. The Nixes were a well-to-do yeoman family, and it may be that it was his marriage with Mary that enabled John Newton to buy the original Newton estate at Woolsthorpe. John, it may be remarked, was able to devise separate farms to his sons, John, Richard, and William. John and Mary Newton had issue:

- I. WILLIAM NEWTON (5), baptized 30 August, 1541²; dead in 1562 when his father made his will.
- II. JOHN NEWTON III (6), of Westby, yeoman, baptized 25 June, 1542³; eldest son in 1562; married Anne (7), daughter of Robert Gibson, of Pickworth, co. Lincoln, yeoman, and had issue:
 1. ROBERT NEWTON, baptized 30 October, 1568⁴; living in 1583.
 2. THOMAS NEWTON, baptized 13 July, 1576⁴; living in 1583.
 3. JOHN NEWTON, baptized 31 March, and buried 1 June, 1579.⁴
 1. ALICE NEWTON, baptized 1 November, and buried 26 December, 1570.⁴
 2. ANNE NEWTON, baptized 20 December, 1571⁴; living in 1583.
 3. MARY NEWTON, baptized 15 August, 1574⁴; living in 1583.
 4. ISABEL NEWTON, baptized 27 December, 1580⁴; living in 1583.
 5. ELIZABETH NEWTON (posthumous), baptized 22 May, and buried 1 September, 1583.⁴

JOHN NEWTON paid 3s. on an assessment of 40s. at Bassingthorpe cum Westby in 1571,⁴ and it is probable that the Robert Newton senior and Robert Newton junior

(1) *i.e.* mounted with silver.
 (2) *i.e.* a ring or hoop wherein candles were fixed, to hang before the rood, as here, or before an image.
 (3) At Bassingthorpe. These baptisms should be received with some caution because the parish register does not give the father's name, but they agree with the names of the children as given in their respective fathers' wills.
 (4) Lay Subsidy roll 138/548, mem. 1d.

who each paid 10s. 8d. there on an assessment of £4 in goods in 1599,' were his son and grandson: and their descendants seem to have been living there in the latter part of the eighteenth century, as perhaps they do at the present day. John Newton III made his will, 25 February, 1582-3, and it was proved 22 March, in the same year.³ He desires to be buried 'under the stone in the church yeard of Bassingthorpe,' and the parish register records that he was buried 'under the stone next the church,' 27 February. His widow, Anne, with her brother, Thomas Gibson, of Pickworth, yeoman, entered into a bond that she would truly execute her husband's will.⁴ Under the will of her father, dated 8 December, 1583,⁴ Anne received 'one tenement or house with the yearde and backside in Grauntham now in the tenure of Nicholas Grene or his assignes, to hold to her and the heirs of her body,' with remainder, in default, to the right heirs of the testator. After John Newton's death, she was married at Bassingthorpe, 14 September, 1584, to John Withers.

III. RICHARD NEWTON (8), of Woolsthorpe (see below 121).

IV. THOMAS NEWTON (10), living in 1565; received 'twenty markes in monye and a donne graie colt' under his father's will. Perhaps he is to be identified with Richard Newton, of Burton Coggles who, in his will, dated 8 March, 1578-9,⁵ makes his wife executrix, and mentions his children (unnamed), and his brothers John and Richard, and Anne the daughter of the former. This Thomas had two children baptized at Burton: Anne, 27 November, 1569; and Sarah, 25 October, 1574. Thomas was churchwarden there in 1574-5.⁶

V. WILLIAM NEWTON (11), of Skillington and Great Gonerby, yeoman, received a farm in Westby in the occupation of Joan Okelaie, widow, in 1562. On 6 October, 1584, William Newton and Anne his wife and John Askewe clerk and Katherine his wife, for £40, quitclaimed to Thomas Cony, esquire, and Alice his wife, and the heirs of Thomas, a messuage, a garden, an orchard, 20 acres of land, 5 acres of meadow, 5 acres of pasture, and 20 acres of furze and heath in

Bassingthorpe and Westby.¹ His will shews that William Newton acquired a considerable amount of property, for he devises to his son John lands in Skillington, Gonerby, Barrowby, and Harlaxton, and to his son Thomas lands in Westborough and Denton, co. Lincoln, and in Bradmore, co. Nottingham. William married Anne (12), daughter of Richard Kelham, or Kellam,² of Ropsley, yeoman, (by Elizabeth his wife), and widow of Richard Denton (who was still alive in 1569) and, subsequently, as it seems, she was widow of . . . Hickson.³ In her will, which is dated 11 February, 1597-8, she is described as of Gonerby, widow, and she mentions twelve children by her several husbands. She was buried at Skillington, 21 February, 1597-8. By her William Newton had issue:

1. JOHN NEWTON (20), of Skillington and Great Gonerby, yeoman, baptized 12 January, 1580-1.⁴ By his wife, Alice, he had a daughter, Isabel, baptized 12 May, 1600,⁵ who probably died in infancy since she is not mentioned in his will. By his will, dated 5 August, 1606,⁶ he devised his land and tenements in Gonerby and Allington to his brother, Thomas, and his heirs. He names 'my mother Orby' and 'my brother Hacksey.' He directed that his land in Skillington should be sold, and the proceeds divided amongst his half-brothers and half-sisters, the Dentons.
2. THOMAS NEWTON (21), of Gonerby, who was born *circa* 1626, and married Elizabeth (22) daughter of Thomas Parker, of Kibworth, co. Leicester, by whom he had two sons:
 - i. RICHARD NEWTON (29), baptized at Haydor, 8 March, 1620-1; buried 17 October, 1622.⁷
 - ii. RICHARD NEWTON (30), baptized 30 December, 1623;⁷ buried 8 September 1630.⁷
 - iii. SIR JOHN NEWTON (31), of Culverthorpe in the parish of Haydor, born 9 June, 1626; succeeded by special limitation in the patent, in 1661, as second baronet, to the baronetcy

(1) Feet of Fines, Lincoln, 26-7 Eliz., Mich., part 2, no. 50.

(2) Richard Kelham's will is dated 30 September, 1569 (L.C.C., 1570, f. 77A.)

(3) Harleian Society's Publ. II, 726. She appoints her son, Richard Hickson executor. See Appendix, no. 9.

(4) Skillington parish register. The parents' names are not given, but children come, one after another, in the order in which they are named in their parents' wills.

(5) Skillington parish register.

(6) Appendix, no. 11.

(7) Great Gonerby parish register.

(1) *Ibid.* 139/619, mem. 6.

(2) Appendix, no. 6.

(3) L.C.C., Administrations, 1582, no. 1445.

(4) L.C.C., 1583, i. f. 138.

(5) L.C.C., 1579, f. 122.

(6) Bishops' transcripts of Burton Coggles parish register.

of Newton, of Barrs Court, co. Gloucester. For his descendants see *Miscellanea Genealogica*, new series, I, 169-72. He had an only surviving son, Sir John Newton, bart, of Barrs Court and Culverthorpe, born about 1651; died 1734. It was he who made an affidavit in support of the pedigree submitted by Sir Isaac Newton to the College of Arms in 1705.¹ The story is a strange one. The Newtons of Barrs Court were an ancient family, which appears to have had no connection with the Newtons of Woolsthorpe and Culverthorpe. Yet John Newton, of Barrs Court, when he obtained a patent for a baronetcy, on 16 August, 1660, for himself for the term of his life, secured a grant of remainder to John Newton, of Haydor, esquire, and his heirs male. Sir John Newton, of Barrs Court, died soon afterwards, in 1661, leaving his estates by will to Sir John, of Haydor, who succeeded him as second baronet. The reason given in the patent for the grant of the baronetcy is that Sir John, of Barrs Court, had provided thirty footsoldiers for three years for the defence of the plantations in Ulster. It is not improbable, however, that, besides this ostensible reason, a heavy money payment may not have been necessary to secure the king's favour; and it may be suggested that the explanation of the extraordinary remainder is that John of Haydor provided the money for the acquisition of the baronetcy, and perhaps for other purposes. There is some evidence for the fact that he either agreed to purchase part of his namesake's estates, or agreed to advance money upon them.

- I. JUDITH NEWTON, baptized 19 August, 1579²; married, in 1602, William Welby, of Denton, who died 1627. She died in 1617, and from her the present Sir Charles Welby, of Denton, baronet, descends.³

2. JANE NEWTON, baptized 8 November, 1585¹; not mentioned in the will of her brother John, 1606.
3. MARY NEWTON, baptized 8 September, 1587¹; married, 8 July, 1596, at North Witham, Thomas Vincent, and had a child living in 1606.

William Newton (11) died in 1594, and was buried at Skillington 8 September. His will was dated 11 April, and proved 9 November, 1594,² his brothers, Robert and George Newton, and his step-brothers, Richard Hickson and Ralph Denton, being the executors.

- VI. GEORGE NEWTON (13), of Westby, yeoman; probably baptized at Bassingthorpe, 11 August, 1545; received £10 and a fole wiche was of the blacke mare' under his father's will, 1562. He was buried at Bassingthorpe, 22 April, 1601. In his will, dated 10 February, 1600-1, and proved 25 April, 1601,³ he leaves legacies to the children of his sisters who married Henry Askew and Thomas Musson, and makes John Newton (son of his brother William), of Skillington, his executor and residuary legatee. At the foot of the will there is a list of debts due to the testator.
- VII. ROBERT NEWTON (14), received £10 and 'the donne mers fole' under his father's will, 1562; and was executor of his brother William's will in 1594.
- VIII. SIMON NEWTON (15), received £10 and 'a branded' calf' under his father's will; living 1565.
- I. ELIZABETH NEWTON, probably baptized 7 November, 1543;⁴ married, 28 September, 1563,⁶ Thomas Musson, who was probably of Swayfield, and had issue.
- II. ISABEL NEWTON, named in her mother's will, 1565.
- III. A DAUGHTER, probably dead in 1562; married Henry Askew, of Harlaxton, before 1562, and had issue.

John Newton II (3), was buried in the parish church of Bassingthorpe, 22 December, 1562.⁷ His will was dated the 17th of the same month, and proved 12 January, 1562-3.⁷ His household goods and chattels in the parlour, the hall, and the yard were valued at £94 4s. 4d.⁷ His widow, Mary (4), was buried in the same church, 17 December, 1565, her will being

(1) Appendix, no. 24.
(2) Skillington parish register.
(3) Harleian Society's Publ. II, p. 1058.

(1) Skillington parish register.
(2) Appendix, no. 8.
(3) Appendix, no. 10.
(4) i.e. brindled.
(5) At Bassingthorpe. The parents' names are not given.
(6) Bishops' transcripts of Bassingthorpe parish register.
(7) Appendix, no. 4.

dated 5 December, 1565, and proved 20 February, 1565-6.¹ The inventory of her goods, which amounted to £159 5s. od., mentions the hall, parlour, chamber over the parlour, and kitchen, besides the chattels outside.²

¶ RICHARD NEWTON (8), of Woolsthorpe, yeoman, was the third, but second surviving son of John (3) and Mary (4) Newton, on whom and his heirs his father, in 1562, settled his land in Woolsthorpe. He was churchwarden of Colsterworth, 1569-70. He married Isabel —, who, after his death, perhaps married a John Newton, 13 February, 1592-3.³ By her he had issue:

- I. ROBERT NEWTON (16). See below ¶.
- II. THOMAS NEWTON (17), baptized 26 September, 1570⁴; buried 20 February, 1571-2.⁵
- III. ISAAC NEWTON (18), baptized 30 April, 1573.⁶ This is the first occurrence of the name Isaac, and it is possible that it was taken from the mother's family. Unfortunately her parentage is not known.
- IV. RICHARD NEWTON (19), of Colsterworth, baptized 17 June, 1582,⁷ a legatee under his uncle Isaac Newton's will, in 1642; perhaps buried at Colsterworth, 23 June, 1665.⁴ He had issue:
 1. WILLIAM NEWTON who, by his wife Elinor, had a daughter, Dionysia, who was baptized 11 September, and buried 1 October, 1642.⁵
 2. THOMAS NEWTON, baptized 3 August, 1617;⁸ buried 30 January, 1626-7.⁹
 3. JOHN NEWTON, baptized 2 December, 1621.⁸
- I. ELSABETH NEWTON, baptized 4 September, 1575;¹⁰ buried 6 August, 1579.⁷
- II. MARY NEWTON, baptized 12 January, 1577-8.⁵
- III. ISABEL OF ELSABEL NEWTON, baptized 1 November, 1584.⁵ The name has been corrected from Elisabeth in the parish register.

Richard Newton was buried 30 April, 1588.⁸ Administration was granted 24 May, 1588, to Isabel his widow, William Newton (his brother), of Skillington, yeoman, being surety. The inventory of his goods, which amounted to £103 18s., mentions the hall, the parlour, the buttery, the chamber over the parlour, the milkhouse, the kitchen, and the chamber over it.⁶

(1) Appendix, no. 5.

(2) *ibid.*

(3) Colsterworth parish register.

(4) Bishops' transcripts of Colsterworth parish register.

(5) Colsterworth parish register. The parents' names are not given.

(6) Appendix, no. 7.

¶ ROBERT NEWTON (16), of Woolsthorpe, yeoman, eldest son of Richard (8) and Isabel (9) Newton, was born probably about 1570, succeeded to his father's property at Woolsthorpe under the deed of 1562. In 1623, he added to this estate by purchasing the manor of Woolsthorpe from Robert Underwood, who, in 1614, had bought it from Henry Bury. By a deed, dated 30 December, 15 Charles I, 1639, which was in Sir Isaac's possession in 1705, Robert settled both these estates on his eldest son Isaac Newton and Hannah Ayscough whom Isaac was about to marry. The manor of Woolsthorpe was reckoned to be worth £30 a year. Robert Newton was a churchwarden of Colsterworth in 1594, 1595, 1613, 1614, 1626, and 1627. The name of his wife, Sir Isaac's grandmother, is not given in the pedigree of 1705, nor does it appear in the parish register. Her burial, too, has not been found. Robert Newton had issue:

I. JOHN NEWTON (23), baptized 14 July, and buried 29 July, 1605.¹

II. ISAAC NEWTON (24) See below ¶¶.

III. ROBERT NEWTON (27), yeoman, baptized at Colsterworth, 27 September, 1607. Sir Isaac states in his pedigree that Robert afterwards lived at Couthorpe which was, at that time, in the parish of Castle Bytham, though, since 1860, it has been in the parish of Creton. The inventory of his goods is dated 30 June, 1646. Administration of his goods was granted, 8 June, 1649,² to Cicely his widow, who was buried at Creton, 14 March, 1678-9. An attempt has been made to identify with this Robert Newton the Robert Newton, of Oundle, co. Northampton, who dying in 1677, had numerous descendants, but the evidence given above is fatal to the contention.³ Robert of Couthorpe left a son,

I. NEWTON (33), whose christian name is unknown. His existence, however, is certain, because (1) Sir Isaac enters him in his pedigree as his first cousin, and (2) the grandson of the unknown was Sir Isaac's heir-at-law in 1727. The unknown had a son,

(1) All the entries are taken from the Colsterworth parish register. In the case of the children, John, Isabel, Elizabeth, Mary, Margaret, and Alice, the father's name is not given; but Sir Isaac, in 1705, entered Isabel and Elizabeth in his pedigree, and he could scarcely have been mistaken since they were his own aunts; and further he mentions their children, whom he must have known.

(2) L.C.C., Administrations, 1649, no. 61. In the administration bond he is described as of Creton. See Appendix, no. 13.

(3) A pedigree based on this mistaken assumption is printed in *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica* for the year 1923, by A. R. Martin.

- i. JOHN NEWTON (37), yeoman and carpenter, of Woolsthorpe, born *circa* 1665; acted as gamekeeper to Sir Isaac. He was buried 13 October, 1725,¹ aged 60. By his will, dated 19 September, 1725,² he left land in Colsterworth and Woolsthorpe to his son John, whom he appointed executor. By Martha his wife, (who was living in 1737), he had,
- I. JOHN NEWTON (40), yeoman, of Colsterworth, born *circa* 1707. He was heir-at-law to Sir Isaac Newton, and inherited his property at Woolsthorpe and Sewstern. Sir D. Brewster, in his *Life of Newton*, says of John that he became a worthless and dissolute person who very soon wasted the ancient patrimony, and falling down with a tobacco pipe in his mouth when drunk, it broke in his throat and put an end to his life at the age of thirty. He sold the manor of Woolsthorpe to Mr Edmund Turnor, of Stoke Rochford, in 1723. He left, however, the income of an estate in Colsterworth and Woolsthorpe, to his mother Martha for her life, and the reversion of the estate to his two sisters, Mary Bridges and Alice Newton. He was buried at Colsterworth, 22 June, 1737. His will was dated 31 May, 1737, and proved 2 October following, by his mother, the executrix.³
1. MARY NEWTON (41), of age in 1725; the wife of — Bridges in 1737.
2. ALICE NEWTON (42), under 21 in 1725; living in 1737.
- IV. RICHARD NEWTON (28). See below, page 23.
- I. ISABEL NEWTON, baptized 21 August, 1596;⁴ married John Cooke, of Skillington, 19 James I (1621-2), and had a son, John Cooke, of Easton, co. Lincoln, and a daughter, Isabel, who was a legatee of Isaac Newton, her uncle, in 1642.
- II. ELIZABETH (OR ELSABETH) NEWTON, baptized 26 November, 1598;⁴ married William Woodrough, of Skillington, and had by him Edward Woodrough, of Corby, co. Lincoln.
- III. MARY NEWTON, baptized 24 December, 1600;⁴ buried 17 January, 1600-1.⁴

(1) Colsterworth parish register.
 (2) Appendix, no. 20.
 (3) Appendix, no. 22.
 (4) see page 13, note 1.

- IV. MARGARET NEWTON, baptized 8, and buried 13 August, 1602.¹
- V. ALICE NEWTON, baptized 31 January, and buried 7 February, 1603-4.¹
- VI. MARY NEWTON, baptized 5 September, 1612;² perhaps the person who married Michael Bigley, 20 November, 1641, at Colsterworth; or she may have married Thomas Christian of Skillington, to whose daughter, Elizabeth, Isaac Newton left a legacy in 1642.
- VII. ANNE NEWTON, baptized 6 May, 1615;² probably buried 13 July, 1616.²
- Robert Newton was buried at Colsterworth, 20 September, 1641.² Neither his will nor administration has been found.

III. ISAAC NEWTON (24), of Woolsthorpe, yeoman, eldest surviving son of Robert Newton, was baptized 21 September 1606.³ He succeeded to the manor of Woolsthorpe, and to the older Newton property in that place under the settlement of 1639. In April, 1642, he married Hannah, daughter of James Ayscough (or Askew) of Market Overton, co. Rutland,⁴ gentleman. She had land in Sewstern, co. Leicester, worth £50 a year. It is not improbable that Hannah was connected with the Askews, of Harlaxton, between whom and the Newtons there was already a connection.⁴ Hannah's mother was Margery daughter of . . . Blyth, of Stroxton, a few miles distant from Woolsthorpe. The Bishops' transcripts of the parish register of that place in the solitary Blyth entry prior to 1610, record the marriage of 'James Aiscoigh and Margery Blyth' under the date 24 December, 1609. John Blyth of Denton and Stroxton entered his pedigree in the Herald's visitation of Lincolnshire, in 1634. Hannah's brother, William Ayscough, who will appear later, was instituted to the rectory of Burton Coggles, 1 January, 1641-2,⁵ on the presentation of the Crown, and was buried there, 6 November, 1669. In her will, Hannah leaves £5 to her sister, Sarah Cook.

Sir Isaac Newton says in his affidavit, that his grandfather, Robert, settled the manor of Woolsthorpe on his (Sir Isaac's) father and mother on 30 December, 1639. If this date is correct, the marriage must have been in contemplation for two or three years. Newton, in the affidavit, speaking of his kinsman, Sir John Newton, of Culverthorpe in Haydor, baronet, says

(1) see page 13, note 1.
 (2) Colsterworth parish register.
 (3) Harleian Society's publ., vol. 1, pp. 146-7.
 (4) see above, pages 9, 10.
 (5) Bishops' certificates, Canterbury, P.R.O.

'having by tradition from his kindred ever since he can remember, reckoned himselfe next of kin (among the Newtons) to Sir John Newton's family, and having also, about fifty-four or fifty-five years ago, heard his grandmother Ascough (with whom he lived at Wylstrove aforesaid, alias Woolstrove, till he was about eleven years old, and who at that time frequently conversed with the deponent's great uncle, Richard Newton) say, that he, this deponent, was or had been next heir att law to Mr [afterwards Sir John (31)] Newton, of Hather, until the birth of Mr Newton's children, who were then two or three infants, and that he or they were cousins two or three times removed, or words to that purpose; and he, this deponent, believing that his said grandmother, upon the marriage of her daughter with his father, might learn the kindred, and that his grandfather [Robert] Newton, to promote the marriage, might be forward to speak of itt, representing himself to be cousin once removed, and next heir to the said Mr [afterwards Sir John] Newton, att that time six or seven years under age, afterwards father to Sir John, Newton.'¹

Isaac Newton (24) and Hannah (Ayscough) (25) were the father and mother of

SIR ISAAC NEWTON (32). See below []]]] .

The elder Isaac Newton died about six months after his marriage, and was buried at Colsterworth, on 6 October, 1642, rather less than three months before the birth of his famous son. His will was dated 1 October, five days before his death, and proved on the 31st day of the same month. With the exception of a few small legacies he leaves the rest of his goods to his wife, making her executrix, and appointing Mr James Ayscough, his father-in-law, and Mr William Ayscough, rector of Burton Coggles, his brother-in-law, supervisors. The will and the inventory of goods and chattels are printed below.² It is interesting to trace the increase in wealth and position from Simon Newton (1) who, in 1524, paid fourpence to a subsidy on an assessment of twenty shillings in wages, through

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| John Newton (3), of Westby, 1562 | £93 4s. 4d. |
| Mary Newton (4), of Westby, 1565 | £159 5s. 0d. |
| Richard Newton (8), of Woolsthorpe, 1588 | £103 18s. 0d. |

(1) Appendix no. 23. If, however, there were then alive, as seems likely (see above page 7) any male descendants of John Newton III, they would succeed before Isaac Newton who was descended from a younger brother of John III. It is plain that, even in 1638, there was confusion between the three John Newtons.

(2) Appendix no. 12.

to Isaac Newton, of Woolsthorpe, who, in 1642, left £459 12s. 4d. These figures, it should be remembered, relate only to personal property, in addition to which there were purchases of land in Woolsthorpe in 1562 and 1623.

After her husband's death, Hannah lived in the manor house of Woolsthorpe, until her second marriage, on 27 January, 1645-6, at North Witham, with Barnabas Smith (26) M.A., the rector of that parish. The following story was told to John Conduit, a nephew by marriage to Sir Isaac Newton, by Mrs Hutton whose maiden name was Ayscough:

'Mr Smith, a neighbouring clergyman, who had a very good estate, had lived a bachelor till he was pretty old, and one of his parishioners advising him to marry, he said he did not know where to meet with a good wife. The man answered, the widow Newton is an extraordinary good woman. But, saith Mr Smith, how do I know she will have me, and I don't care to ask and be denied; but if you will go and ask her, I will pay you for your day's work. He went accordingly. Her answer was, she would be advised by her brother Ayscough. Upon which Mr Smith sent the same person to Mr Ayscough on the same errand, who, upon consulting with his sister, treated with Mr Smith, who gave Isaac a parcel of land, being one of the terms insisted on by the widow if she married him.'³

But Barnabas Smith seemingly was not a bachelor, as stated above, for, in June, 1645, . . . Smith wife of Mr Barnabas Smith [of N]orth Witham [died] and was buried.² He was an old man, as age went in those days, for he matriculated at Lincoln College, Oxford, in December, 1597, being then fifteen years old. He was instituted to the rectory of North Witham, 8 January, 1609-10, on the presentation of Benedict Smith, rector of South Witham 1573-1635, who had bought the next presentation from Sir Henry Pakenham, knight, of Belton near Grantham, and who was probably his father.³ In a *Liber Cleri* of the bishop of Lincoln's visitation in 1611 (folio 7), he is entered as of good behaviour, non-resident, and not hospitable. He died in 1653, and his will which was dated 17 August in that year, and proved at London, 8 February following, and at Lincoln, 11 June, 1679,⁴ shews that he was possessed of some wealth. By Hannah he had three children,

(1) E. F. King, *A Biographical Sketch of Sir Isaac Newton*, p. 6
 (2) The register has been injured.
 (3) Lincoln Diocesan Registry, Presentation Deed, 1610/65.
 (4) Appendix, no. 16

- I. BENJAMIN SMITH, baptized August, 1651.
- I. MARIE SMITH, baptized 6 May, 1647; married 22 November, 1666, at Colsterworth, to Thomas Pilkington, of Belton, co. Rutland.
- II. HANNAH SMITH, baptized 7 September, 1652; married as his second wife, to Robert Barton of Brigstock, co. Northampton, and had *inter alios* a daughter Katherine, who married, 26 August, 1717, John Conduitt, of Cranberry Lodge in the parish of Otterbourne, co. Southampton, who succeeded Sir Isaac Newton as master of the Mint.

When Sir Isaac Newton died, in 1727, the three children of his half-brother Benjamin Smith, the three surviving children of Mary Pilkington, and the two surviving children of Hannah Barton were his legal representatives, and shared his personal estate of £32,000.

After her second husband's death, Sir Isaac Newton's mother returned to the manor house at Woolsthorpe with Newton's half-brother and sisters.

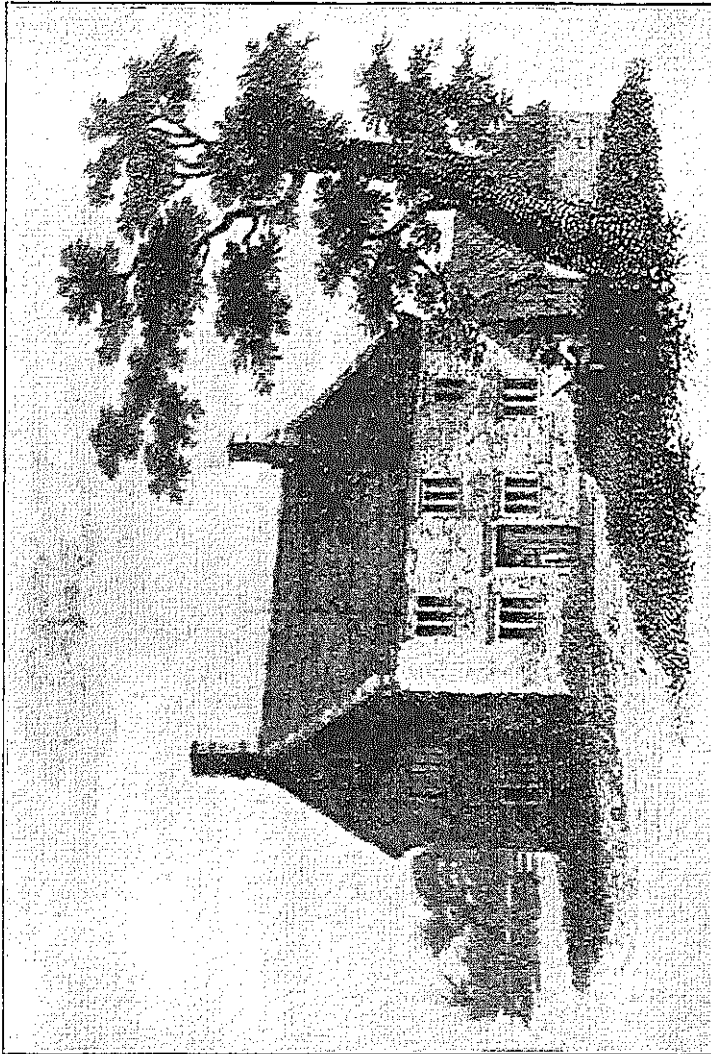
Sir David Brewster relates that, in 1679, when Benjamin Smith, Newton's half-brother, had been seized while at Stamford with a malignant fever, his mother, who had hastened to attend his sick bed, was taken ill with the same complaint. Newton, who was always devoted to his mother, left his duties and studies to watch at her couch. He sat up with her whole nights, and ministered with his own hands the necessary medicines, and prepared and dressed her blisters with all the dexterity of a practitioner. His skill, however, was unavailing. She sank under the disease, and her remains were carried to Colsterworth and deposited in the church there. She was buried in woollen on 4 June, 1679. Her will was dated 21 March, 1672-3, and proved 11 June, 1679, by Sir Isaac Newton, the executor, who was also the residuary legatee.

¶ III. SIR ISAAC NEWTON (32), the Philosopher, only child of Isaac Newton (24) by Hannah Ayscough (25), was born on Christmas Day, 1642, eleven and a half weeks after his father's death. Sir Isaac told John Conduitt who married his niece, Katherine Barton, 'that he had often heard his mother say, that when he was born he was so little, that they might have put him into a quart mug; and so unlikely to live, that two women who were sent to Lady Pakenham's at North Witham for something for him, did not expect to find him alive on their return.'² If this be so, it is strange that, according to the

(1) Appendix, no. 15.

(2) Conduitt MS., quoted by Turnor, *op. cit.*, p. 174n.

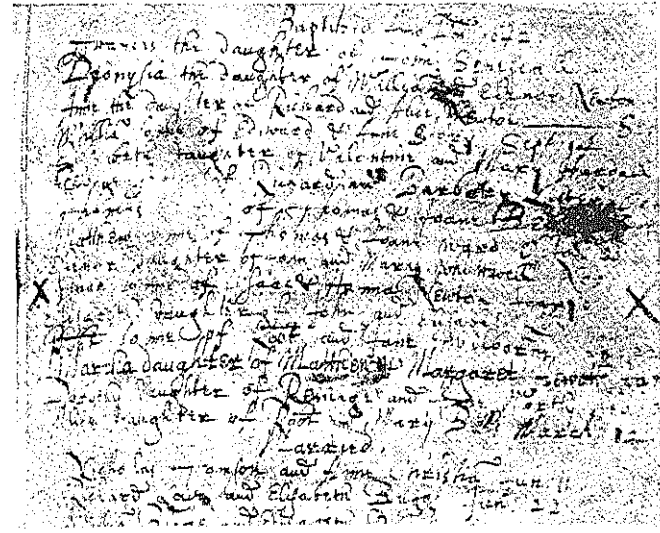
Colsterworth parish register, he was not baptized until 1 January, 1642-3. His birthplace was the manor house at



Jas. Bourne del.

WOOLSTHORPE MANOR HOUSE, THE BIRTHPLACE OF SIR ISAAC NEWTON

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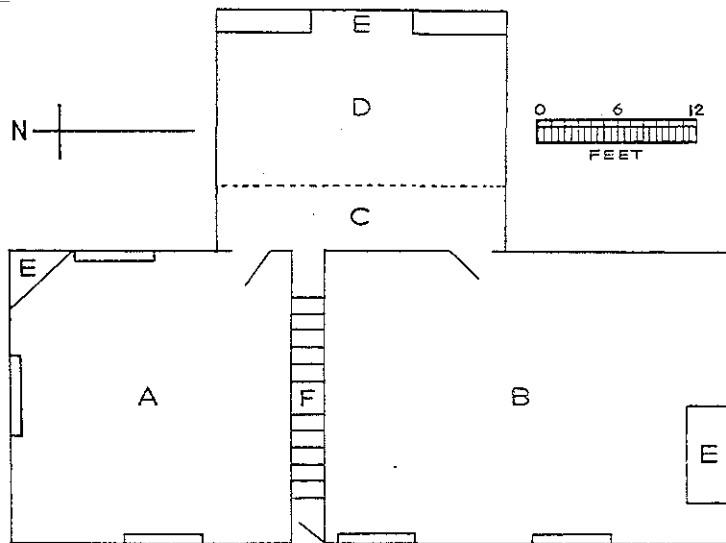


Part of the page of Colsterworth Parish Register which contains the entry of Sir Isaac Newton's Baptism.

Woolsthorpe, which his grandfather had bought some twenty years earlier. The house, which remains unchanged, faces westwards, and is built of grey stone. It probably dates from the late Tudor period. The engraving by E. Howlett, from a drawing by James Bourne, is reproduced from Turnor's *History of Grantham* (p. 157). The house was thoroughly repaired by Mr Turnor, of Stoke Rochford, in 1798, who erected a stone tablet over the front door, bearing the inscription: 'In this Manor House Sir Isaac Newton was born, 25th December, 1642,' surmounted by a shield bearing the arms of the Newton family: Two human shin-bones saltirewise. Bourne's drawing was evidently made before 1798, for it does not shew the tablet. The windows have stone mullions, and some of them have been at some time blocked up, no doubt on account of the window-tax, and reopened. The stone-work of some of the mullions has been replaced by wood. On the right-hand side, on entering the front door, was the 'hall,' a

(1) For the several rooms, see the inventory of Isaac Newton's goods, 1642. Appendix no. 12.

large room, which is now divided to form a lobby, a passage, and a room. On the left is the 'parlour,' which is over a cellar, the mullioned windows of which, below the ground level, are not shewn in Bourne's drawing. The hall, until modern times, was paved with stone, which has been replaced by wood. The floor of the parlour has perhaps always been of wood since it is over the cellar. The staircase is opposite the front door. At the top of it, on the left, is 'the chamber over the parlour,' the room in which Newton was born. In



Ground floor of the House.—A Parlour. B Hall. C Buttery. D Kitchen. E Fireplaces. F Staircase.

1798, Mr Turnor placed in it a stone tablet with the inscription
 SIR ISAAC NEWTON, SON OF ISAAC NEWTON, LORD OF THE
 MANOR OF WOOLSTHORPE, WAS BORN IN THIS ROOM ON THE
 25TH OF DECEMBER, 1642.

NATURE AND NATURE'S LAWS LAY HID IN NIGHT :

GOD SAID, "LET NEWTON BE," AND ALL WAS LIGHT.

Opposite to this room, on the right of the stairs, is 'the chamber over the hall,' which is supposed to have been Newton's bedroom. A space in its south-east corner, which is partitioned off, is said to have served him as a study. Both these rooms have plaster floors, and all four rooms have stone chimney pieces.

Behind the middle of the oblong block which contains these rooms, there is a rectangular extension which seems to

have been part of the original building. It undoubtedly contained the buttery and kitchen in 1642, and a huge beam spans the large recess at the east side which seemingly was used for the kitchen fireplace. The recess is still used for the same purpose, and the whole of the extension forms the present kitchen. The existing windows and doorway are painfully modern work. In the upper storey of the extension, the western part, that is the part nearest to the main block, must have been 'the chamber over the butterie' mentioned in the elder Isaac Newton's inventory of goods as containing 'two bedsteads with [their] furniture'; and it is still used as a bedroom, the door of which is opposite the top of the staircase already referred to. The eastern part of the upper floor, above what is presumed to have been the original kitchen, seems always to have been a granary, access to which is provided by an outside stone staircase.

Newton succeeded to the manor of Woolsthorpe, and to his mother's estate at Sewstern, and, under her will, to land which she had bought at Woolsthorpe and at Buckminster, co. Leicester.

At the Herald's visitation of Lincolnshire, in 1666, Newton entered his pedigree as printed above. No arms were recorded on that occasion, nor were any arms entered when Newton registered his pedigree at the Heralds' College in 1705; but Sir H. Farnham Burke has been so good as to inform me that the pedigree of 1705 was a continuation of the pedigree recorded in 1634,¹ and that this fact undoubtedly proves Sir Isaac's right to the arms recorded in 1634, namely, Sable, two shin bones in saltire argent. These arms were confirmed, on 20 May, 1662, to Sir John Newton, baronet, of Culverthorpe, to be borne quarterly with his family arms.² The 'family arms' were the arms which he had assumed with the baronetcy to which he succeeded on the death of Sir John Newton, of Barrs Court, namely, Argent, on a chevron azure three garbs or. The seal with which Sir John, of Culverthorpe, sealed his affidavit in 1705,³ had the latter arms in the first and fourth quarters, and Sable, three shin bones in saltire argent, in the second and third quarters.

In the north aisle of the choir of Colsterworth church a dial cut in stone is inserted in the north wall with the inscription:

NEWTON: AGED 9 YEARS: CUT WITH HIS PENKNIFE
 THIS DIAL: THE STONE WAS GIVEN BY C. TURNOR,
 ESQ^{re}. AND PLACED HERE AT THE COST OF THE R^h HON.
 SIR WILLIAM ERLE COLLATERAL DESCENDANT OF
 NEWTON. 1877.

(1) page 3.
 (2) see above pages 8, 10.
 (3) Appendix, no. 2f.

It is beyond the scope of the present article to give an account of Newton's life and work. His principal appointments are detailed in his pedigree of 1705.¹ He died at his lodgings, in Orbal's Building, Kensington, on Monday, 20 March, 1726-7, in his eighty-fifth year. His body lay in state in the Jerusalem Chamber, and on 28 March, was buried in Westminster Abbey, at the west end of the choir, in the middle aisle of the nave, where a plain flagstone marks the grave and bears the inscription:

HIC DEPOSITUM EST
QUOD MORTALE FUIT
ISAACI NEWTONI

In 1731 a monument was erected in the Abbey to his memory. His estates at Woolsthorpe and Sewstern, as already stated passed to John Newton, the grandson of his first cousin,² and his personal estate of £32,000 to eight half-nephews and -nieces. During his life he made provision for other relatives, including his mother's family, the Ayscoughs. He also spent money freely for the encouragement of ingenuity and learning.

The frontispiece has been printed by the permission of Mr Christopher Turnor, by Messrs Methuen and Co. Limited, 36, Essex Street, London, from a block which is their property, and the thanks of the Society are due to them for their courtesy. According to Sir David Brewster, Newton was 'in personal appearance . . . not above the middle size, and in the latter part of his life was inclined to be corpulent.' Thomas Hearne said that he was 'a short well-set man.'

Three of Newton's sayings may be quoted in closing the present account. The first shews that in his regard for animals he was in advance of his time. 'He considered,' as Sir David Brewster says, 'that cruelty to beasts was a violation of christian morality, and such was his tenderness for the lower creation, that he could not tolerate the sports of hunting or shooting animals'; and he urged it as an objection to one of his nephews, 'that he loved killing of birds.' In a letter to Dr Bentley he said, 'If I have done the public any service, . . . it is due to nothing but industry and patient thought.' Shortly before his death, he said, 'I do not know what I may appear to the world, but to myself I seem to have been only like a boy playing on the sea shore, and diverting myself in now and then finding a smoother pebble or a prettier shell than ordinary while the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me.'

(1) Pedigree no. III.
(2) page 14, above.

I. RICHARD NEWTON (28), of Colsterworth, yeoman, fourth, but third surviving, son of Robert Newton (16), of Woolsthorpe,¹ was baptised 9 April, 1609.² He was uncle to Sir Isaac Newton. He married, first, Alice . . . , and by her, who was buried 20 September, 1642,² he had two daughters,

I. MARY NEWTON, who was under twenty-one in 1659, when her father bequeathed to her fourscore pounds 'and also one bedd, one cubberd, one cheare, one presse, and one chest with all lynnens and other things therein w^{ch} were her mothers.' She married, first, William Christian of Colsterworth, who was churchwarden in 1664, and was buried there 16 October, 1665, leaving issue two sons,

ROBERT CHRISTIAN and JOHN CHRISTIAN, who are mentioned in the will of Elizabeth Newton, 1698,³ as her late husband's grandsons, and a daughter, ANNE NEWTON, also named in Elizabeth Newton's will, who married Simon Whittle, 18 April, 1686, and had a daughter, ANNE WHITTLE, baptized, 23 December, 1688.²

MARY NEWTON, married, secondly, 5 October, 1666,² John Pinder, of Little Ponton and Gunby, who was dead in 1698, leaving issue, MARY and RICHARD PINDER, who are named in Elizabeth Newton's will. Mary Pinder (née Newton) was buried 20 January, 1681-2.²

II. ANNE NEWTON, born shortly before her mother's death, and baptized 11 September, 1642,² to whom Isaac Newton, Sir Isaac's father, three weeks later, left a legacy of 'seven pounds of corrant English money.' She was dead in December, 1659, when her father made his will.

Richard married, secondly, Elizabeth . . . , who survived him. By her he had,

I. RICHARD NEWTON (34). See below.

II. ROBERT NEWTON (35), who was under age in December, 1659, when his father devised to him and his heirs a messuage and other property in Colsterworth, Woolsthorpe, and Easton, to be used for his education and bringing up until he should be of age. He probably was the Robert Newton who was buried at Colsterworth 17 July, 1677.²

(1) see above, pages 13, 14.
(2) Colsterworth parish register.
(3) Appendix, no. 18

- I. JANE NEWTON, under twenty-one in 1659.
- II. ELIZABETH NEWTON, under twenty-one in 1659.

Richard Newton (28) made his will 12 December, 1659, considering that 'there is nothing more certaine than death and nothing more uncertaine then the tyme of dieinge,' and it was proved 4 October, 1660,¹ by his widow. He desires that his body 'bee buried in the church of Coultsworth aforesaid in decent and orderlie manner, there to expecte a glorios resurrection att the last daie.' He devises a cottage in Colsterworth to his nephew, Robert Christian. His widow Elizabeth was buried at Colsterworth, 27 March, 1701. She is described in the parish register as 'Eliz: Neuton widd: to Robert Neuton deceased farmer,' but her will, dated 1 October, 1698, and proved 13 May, 1701, proves conclusively that she was the widow of Richard Newton.² She seems to be the person of her name who was overseer of Colsterworth in 1666.

II. RICHARD NEWTON (34), of Colsterworth, yeoman, son of Richard Newton (28), inherited the farm on which his father lived, and other property in Colsterworth, Woolsthorpe, and Easton; and he was churchwarden of Colsterworth in 1667 and 1676.³ He was one of the executors of his father's will. By his wife Elizabeth, he had issue,

I. ROBERT NEWTON (38). See below.

II. RICHARD NEWTON (39), of Colsterworth, yeoman, posthumous son, baptized 3 November, 1684,⁴ who, by his wife Elizabeth, who survived him, had two daughters,

i. ANNE NEWTON, buried 10 March, 1714-15.⁵

ii. ANNE NEWTON, baptized 1 October, 1719,⁵ whom her father appointed executrix.

Richard (39), was buried 29 January, 1721-2,⁵ his will being dated 10 January, and proved 6 February, 1721-2.⁵

I. ELIZABETH NEWTON, to whom her father bequeathed £160; baptized 21 May, 1676⁶; married Richard Taylor, and had two sons, Richard and Robert, and a daughter, Elizabeth. These five people were living in 1734, when Robert Newton, the elder Elizabeth's brother, made his will.

II. ANNE NEWTON, baptized 26 December, 1679,¹ to whom her father bequeathed £150.

Richard Newton (34), was buried 2 May, 1684.¹ In his will, dated 19 April, and proved 22 May, 1684,² he appoints Elizabeth his wife and Robert his son executors, and makes his 'two brothers,' William Lunn and George Morris, supervisors. He provides that his mother shall have his messuage house with the lands and appurtenances belonging to it for her life, with remainder to his son Robert. His widow Elizabeth seems to have been churchwarden of Colsterworth in 1685. She is mentioned as alive in 1734, in her son Robert's will; and she was probably the 'Widow Newton the elder of Colsterworth' who was buried 28 July, 1741.¹

III. ROBERT NEWTON (38), of Woolsthorpe, yeoman, elder son of Richard Newton (34), was baptized at Colsterworth, 28 February, 1677-8. He was churchwarden there 1704, 1710, and 1720; and, dying without issue, was buried there 25 June, 1734. In his will, dated 13 June, and proved 3 July, 1734,³ he appoints his wife Martha and his nephew Richard Taylor to be executors. He devises his real estate or the reversion of it, in Colsterworth and Easton to his nephews Richard and Robert Taylor, leaving to the former Rha-haws closes in Easton, which in his father's will were called Rufus closes. He leaves legacies to his sister Elizabeth Taylor, and to his niece Elizabeth Taylor, daughter of Richard Taylor. Perhaps his widow, Martha, was the 'Widow Newton,' who was buried at Colsterworth, 1 December, 1752.

In a future *Report* of this SOCIETY it may be possible to give some particulars about the Newtons of Keisby and Osgodby in the parish of Lavington or Lenton, and of Bassingthorpe (see Appendix, no. 1), Skillington, and Easton (see Appendix, no. 3), with whom the Newtons of Westby and Bassingthorpe almost certainly were connected, though it is unlikely that the exact relationship will ever be established.

(1) Colsterworth parish register.

(2) Appendix, no. 17.

(3) Appendix, no. 21.

(1) Appendix, no. 14.

(2) Appendix, no. 18.

(3) Bishops' transcripts of Colsterworth parish register.

(4) Appendix, no. 19.

(5) Colsterworth parish register.

APPENDIX

No. 1. WILL OF JOHN NEWTON, OF BITCHFIELD, 1545.

IN the name of the holy Trinytie amen the xxv^t daye of Februarye and in the yere of ower lorde god a thousande fyve hundrethe xlv I John Newton of Bylchefelde in the countie of Lyncoln yoman sicke in body and in good and parfite remembraunce makith and institutethe this my laste will and testament in manner and forme folowinge Firste I bequeth my soule unto allmyghtie God desiringe him to accepte it to be partaker of his most hollye glowrious and bytter passion thowrowe the intercession and prayers of his blissid mother ower lady saint Marye and all thollye companye of heuen and my body to be buried where it shall please God to sende for me Item I bequethe to the highe aulter in Bylchefelde churche for my tythes neclygentlye forgotten thre shillinges foure pence Item to the churche of Lyncolne twelve pence Item to the churches of Basingthorpe and Bylchefilde thre shillinges foure pence betwixt them Item I bequethe to Margaret my wyfe the take and lease that I have in the parsonage of Bylchefelde with all the corne and profittes to hitt belonginge duringe her lyfe and after her decease to be devyded amonges my childrene that shabe then lyvinge Also I will she have lykewyse the lease and take that I have of and in the close that I ferme of master William Armen of Osgarby¹ if she will occupie it her selfe and if she will not occupie the same lease and take of the said clouse her selfe then I will she make a surrender of the same into thandes and occupyinge of the said William Arman Item I will she have fyve score ewes w^t lammes and thre score hogges w^t twentie kyen and a bull and a bullock calfe w^t all the housholde stuffe that I have w^t in the parsonage of Bylchefilde w^t twentie poundes in redy monneye and one draughte of oxen or of horses w^t waynes or cartes two cheynes w^t geres to them belonginge Item I will that when my debtes ar payde and all the legacies whiche I have bequethed in this my laste will that then my childrene shall have the reste of all my goodes equallye devyded amonges them by the discrecion of myne executours Item I bequethe to master Richarde Armen a cote a dublett a paier of hose of the beste that I have Item to John Cauerley a cowe of three yeres olde and my frice cote Item to mother Russell of Westbye a cowe of thre yeres olde Item I will that all suche farmes leaces that I have nowe at this present tyme whiche is not in my wyfes feoffement be to the preferment and profite of my childrene and after the decease of my wyfe I

(1) Osgodby in the parish of Lavington.

will that all suche goodes fermes and leases that I have geven her shalbe geven and devyded amonges my childrene Item I give to Roberte Ballye of Westbye a dublett and a cote I make myne executours of this my laste will and testament to dispose as they shall thinke mete master William Armen of Osgarley [*sic*] esquier and William Neale of Harlaxstone to se this my testament and laste will well and trulye executed and performed in all things as I putt my faithfull truste in them and I will that the saide master William Armen shall have the custodye and occupyinge of all suche cattalles as shalbe due to my saide children by this my testament and the saide master Armen to be accomptable to my saide childrene when they come to lawfull age of the proffitts commynge of the one halfe of the same cattell duringe their minoritie and thother half of the proffittes comynge of the said cattall duringe my childrene nonages and I will that the said master Armen shall have for the pasturage and fedinge of the same cattall duringe my childrene nonage and then thole stock w^t thone half of the same profittes to be delivered to my saide childrene as is aforesaide Item I make master Austyne Porter of Belton supervysoure of this my laste will to see it trulye executed and performed and I will that he shall take sufficient bonde of myne executours that suche goodes as shalbe due to myne saide childrene shalbe delivered unto them at there lawfull ages and if the saide master Austyne Porter fortune to die before my childrene come to lawfull age then I will master William Porter his seconde sonne to take accompte for my childrene goodes of my saide executours provyded allwayes that for all manner of necessarye expenses and chargis that shalbe nedefull to be spent aboute annythinge that myne executours shall goo aboute concernynge this my laste will to be allowede theme of my hole goodes This beinge wittnes s^r Robert Mynnett vicare Will^m Deanlye John Cauerley w^t other moo.

Proved at London, 8 May, 1546, by William Armen in person, & William Neale by Robert Alen, notary public [P.C.C. 10 Alen.]

No. 2. WILL OF CATHERINE NYXE, OF BURTON COGGLES, 1544.

In Dei nomine Amen : the xxij daye off marche in y^e yere off ow^r Lorde God a thowsande fyve hundrethe fourtye foure I Kataren Nyxe off Burton beyng in hoolle mynde and perffyte memorye make my last wyll and testament in maner & forme ffollowynge: Fyrst I bequethe my soule to allmyghty God o^r lady sanct Mary and to all y^e blyssed company off hevyn and my body to be buried in chrysten sepulture

Also I bequethe to Elyzabethe Coywe my doughter ij awngelles nobles and tow kye to the maryage off hyr chyldren she to vse and dyspose y^e sayd ij nobles & ij kye for the proffett off hyr chyldren att hyr discrecyon. Also I bequethe to Jone Dalamor my doughter ij angell nobles and ij kye to the maryage off hyr chyldren in maner and forme before rehersed to Elyzabethe Coywe : Also I bequethe to Elene Crystyan mye doughter ij awngell nobles ij kye and one qwyte accordyng to the vse before rehersed for the maryage off her chyldren. Also I bequethe to Marye Newton my doughter ij awngells nobles tow kye to y^e maryage off chyldren accordyng to the vse before rehersed. Also I bequethe to y^e reparacyons off the belles in the churche off Burton viij*d*. Also I bequethe to y^e hye aultar off y^e same churche to be prayd for xij*d*. Also I bequethe to Elyzabethe Coywe my doughter my best beaydes. Also to ow^r mother church of Lyncoln viij*d*. Also I bequethe to Mary Newton my daughter my sylver harnes gyrdle. Also I bequethe to Margaret Nyxe my doughter in lawe iij yeowys & a lame. Also I bequethe to Elzabethe Nyxe my doughter in lawe one yeowe and a lame. I bequethe to Thomas Nyxe James Nyxe & John Nyxe iij brethrne everyon off them a cawlfte. Also I bequethe to John Newton y^e son off John Newton off Westby one howse w^t thappurtenaunce in the towne of Westby : Also I bequethe to John Cowye one cawlfte off ij yere ayge and he to chvyse and elecke y^e same to be a noxe cawlfte or a cowe caulffe att hys pleasure : Also I bequethe to John Nyxe my sone one howsse w^t theappurtenaunce in the towne off Hunnyngton. Also I wyll that John Nyxe my sone have my beys w^t the hyues and he to perform and keype one lyghte every sonday and hollyday in y^e yere before the blyssyd sacrament in the church off Burton and one other lyghte called the rowndell before the rowde in y^e sayd church so longe as y^e stocke off the sayd bees contynewys : And yff ytt fortune the sayd John to departe he to leyve the sayd beys to some honest man for the vse aforesayd in y^e sayd churche. The resydew off my goodes vnbequethed I gyve and bequethe to John Nyxe my sone whome I make my full executor off thys my last wyll and testament to dyspose for the healthte off my soull at hys dyscretiyn. Thes beyng wytnes sir Rycharde Mathew parson off Burton, sir Rawlffe Syer, John Cowye.

Primo die mensis Junij anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo xlvi^{to} presens testamentum fuit probatum &c. coram magistro Johanne Pope commissario &c. Commissaque fuit administratio bonorum executori supranominato in forma iuris iurato &c. [L.C.C. 1545-6, i, ff.216, 216d.]

No. 3. WILL OF THOMAS NEWTON, OF EASTON, 1545,
(ABSTRACT).

10 June, 1545. I Thomas Newton, of Eston, in the paryshe off Stoke Rocheforthe, husbandman. I commende and bequethe my soule to my Lord God to o^r lady sent Mary and to all the holy company of heuen, and my body to be buried in the churche yerde of sent Andro in Stoke. To o^r ladys wark of Lincoln vj*d*. To y^e hey altar vj*d*. To William Newton, my sones sone, a quarter of barlee. To John Man a quarter of barlee. To y^e reparacion of the churche half a quarter barlee. To Thomas Newton, my sone John sone, ij hyves. The resedewe of my guddes vnbequethed I giff to my wiff whome I make executrice and my sone John and to have for his labor iij*s*. iij*d*. ; they to dyspose them for the healthte of my soule and my frendes soules. Thes beyng wytnes : parson Walkwode Mr Richard Bale Robert Redmell.

Proved in the parish church of Ancaster, 12 November, 1545, etc., and administration was committed to the executrix. [L.C.C., 1545-6, i, f. 78.]

No. 4. WILL AND INVENTORY OF JOHN NEWTON, OF
WESTBY, 1562.

In the name of God amen the xvij daie of December in the yere of oure Lord God 1562. I John Newtonne of Westbie in the countie of Lincoln husbandman seeke in bodie but of hole and perfect memorie thanckes be vnto god do make this my last will and testament in manner and forme folowinge. First I bequethe my soule into the handes of almightie God trustinge by the merittes of his blessid passion to be partaker of his everlastinge kingdome in heaven, and my bodie to be buried in the parishe churche of Basingthorpe. Item I give to the mother churche of Lincoln, iij*d*. Item I give to John Newtonne my eldest sonne my ferme that I dwell in after the deceasse of my wief iij steres of iij yeare olde ij graie horses and an ironbound waine. Item I give to Richard Newtonne my sonne my ferme at Wilstrop iij steres a blacke mere a graie colt a paire of newe bare wheles beinge at Bichefeld and ij seames and a half of malt to bye him a tire withall. Item I give to Thomas Newtonne my sonne twentie markes in monye and a donne graie colt. Item I give to William Newtonne my sonne my ferme in Westbie wiche is in the occupynginge of Joan Okelaie widowe ij stere calves two kye a donne mere and xls. in monye towards the bynginge of a waine. Item I give to George Newtonne my sonne xls. and a fole wiche was of the blacke mare. Item I give to Robert

Newtonne my sonne *xli.* and the donne mers fole. Item I give to Simon Newton my sonne *xli.* and a branded calf. Item I give to Elizabeth Newton my dawghter *xli.* Item I give to Izabell Newton my dawghter *xli.* Item I give to the childern of Henrie Askewe of Harlaxtonne my sonne in lawe a quye provided alwaies that yf it shall please God to take to his mercie anny of my said children aforesaid before thei come to lafull age to occupie their parttes I will that their parttes be equallie devided emonges the other my children wiche have no land given them. Item I give to the parishe church of Basingthorpe and Westbie *ijs. iiijd.* Item I give to the towne of Westbie for charginge of their commons *iijs.* Item I give to the pore mannes boxe of the same parishe *iiijd.* Item I give to Richard Armestronge vicar of Basingthorpe and Westbie *ijs. iiijd.* The reasidewe of my goodes not bequethed my dettes paid my legacies and funeralles discharged I give and bequeathe to Marie Newtonne my wief whome I ordein and make full executrix of this my last will and testament. Furthemor I will that my said wief shall have and enyoie the ferme that I dwell in duringe the tyme of her widowehead. Fynallie I will that John Nixe of Burtonne my brother in lawe be superuiser of this my last will and testament. And also I will that George Nix of Burtonne and Thomas Nixe of Stonesbie my brethern in lawe as my trust is in them do se that all thinges be well performed bothe to the vse of my wief and children accordinge to the true meaninge of this my last will and testament and to have for their paines *xs.* Theis bearinge wittnes William Russell of Westbie, Barteram Storie of Basingthorpe, John Mytton of Westbie and Richard Armestronge the writer herof.

Probatum fuit apud Lincolniam xij^o die mensis Januarij anno domini 1562 coram magistro, etc. [L.C.C. 1562, f.99.]

THE TREWE INVYTORYE of all the goodes moveable & vnmmoveable of Jhon Newton late of Westbie in the countie of Lincoln husbandman dysseased, hadd vewed & made the vth daye of Januarij in the vth yere of the Reinge of our moste dreade souereinge Ladye Elizabeth by the grace of God queene of Englande Fraunce & Irelande defendo^r of the faith. etc'. by Robert Dyckons of Burton. Jhon Mytton of Westbie. Jhon Burton of Basingthorpe. & Wylliam Russell of Westbie husbandmen.

IN THE PARLER

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| FIRSTE in his pursse | ... | ... | ... | vijjs. |
| Item ij fetherbeddes ij bolsters & vj mattresses | ... | ... | ... | xls. |

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| Item vj covereddedes ij blankettes vj pyllowes & xiiij paire of flaxen sheetes viij paire of femble & viij paire of harden | ... | ... | ... | <i>iiijl.</i> <i>iiijs.</i> |
| Item iiij chestes & paynted clothes in the parloure | ... | ... | ... | <i>viiijs.</i> |
| Item .xl. yerdes of flaxen clothe & .xl. yerdes of femble & harden | ... | ... | ... | <i>xlvijs. 8d.</i> |
| Item woolle | ... | ... | ... | <i>iiijl.</i> <i>vjs.</i> <i>viiijd.</i> |
| Item his apparell | ... | ... | ... | <i>xxvijs.</i> <i>viiijd.</i> |
| Item iiij beddsteades | ... | ... | ... | <i>ijs.</i> |

IN THE HALL

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| Item ij tables a carpett ij formes ij stooles & a cheare | ... | ... | ... | <i>vs.</i> |
| Item a dyshborde .v. brasse pottes iiij pannes iiij kettelles a lavou ^r w ^t payles dyshes & trenchers | ... | ... | ... | <i>xls.</i> |
| Item hempe & flaxe | ... | ... | ... | <i>xs.</i> |
| Item an awmebry xxvj th peces of pewter a salt a chaving dishe a latyn bason iiij candlestyckes a brason mortar & painted clothes | ... | ... | ... | <i>xxjs.</i> |
| Item a rackyron ij hookes a paire of pott-hookes a grydyron a brandreth a fryinge panne ij spyttes & a paire o cobberddes. a leade ij tobbes & a stryke | ... | ... | ... | <i>xjs.</i> <i>viiijd.</i> |
| Item a steepefatt a payre of quearnes & a heare clothe | ... | ... | ... | <i>vs.</i> <i>iiijd.</i> |

IN THE YERDE

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| Item ij waynes & wayne gears & ij plowes w ^t harrowes & geares belonginge to the same | ... | ... | ... | <i>liijs.</i> <i>iiijd.</i> |
| Item xj horses meres & ffooles | ... | ... | ... | <i>vjl.</i> |
| Item iiij oxen & ij steares | ... | ... | ... | <i>vjl.</i> <i>xiiis.</i> <i>iiijd.</i> |
| Item xvj kye | ... | ... | ... | <i>xiiijl.</i> |
| Item xvj steares & quyres | ... | ... | ... | <i>viiijl.</i> |
| Item ij calves | ... | ... | ... | <i>xs.</i> |
| Item ij sowes & xv shootes | ... | ... | ... | <i>xxs.</i> |
| Item .v. score olde sheepe & iiij ^{xx} sheepe hogges | ... | ... | ... | <i>xiiijl.</i> <i>xiijs.</i> <i>iiijd.</i> |
| Item wodde in the yerde | ... | ... | ... | <i>xxs.</i> |
| Item ij seames wheate & rye | ... | ... | ... | <i>xxxiijs.</i> <i>iiijd.</i> |
| Item xx seames of barelye | ... | ... | ... | <i>viiijl.</i> |
| Item xx seames of pease | ... | ... | ... | <i>vjl.</i> <i>xiijs.</i> <i>iiijd.</i> |

Item one acre of wheate sowne vjs. viij*d*.
 Item haye in the yerde *vli*.
 Item iiij behyves ijs.
 Item iiij gese & a gander xx^{ti} hennes iiij
 cockes & iiij capons xs.

SUMME TOTAL' iiij^{xx}xiiij*li*. iiij*s*. iiij*d*.

[Lincoln Diocesan Registry, Inventories, 1561-3, no. 335.]

NO. 5. WILL AND INVENTORY OF MARY NEWTON,
 OF WESTBY, 1565.

In the name of God amen the fyste [*sic*] daie of december in the yere of o^r Lorde God 1565 I Marye Newtonne of Wesbbye in the countye of Lincoln widd', sicke in bodie but of whole and perfecte memorie thanckes bee vnto God doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge: First I bequethe my soule into the custodie of almightie God trustinge by the merittes of Jesus Christ to bee partaker of his heauenlie kingdome and my bodie to bee buried wⁱⁿ the parishe church of Basingthorpe. Item I geue to the mother church of Lincoln iiij*d*. Item I geue to the poore mannes box of the same parishe viij*d*. Item I geue to everie one of my godchilderne iiij*d*. Item I geue to Johnne Newtonne my eldest sonne xx^{ti} weathers to take them as thei runne a pott that is worne everie daie a lead a mashfatte a gilefatt a fetherbed nexte the best a boulster a coveringe a blanckett a pare of shetes of flaxen. Item I geue to Thomas Newtonne my sonne my table in the chamber a fetherbed a boulster a coveringe a blanckett and a pare of sheetes of teare of hempe. Item I geue to Johnne Newtonne my eldest sonne aforesaid all my sparrs in my yarde readie hewen. Item I geue to William Newtonne my lease vpon this consideration that is to saie to helpe Robert Newtonne and Simon Newtonne my sonnes w^t the same to goe forward somewhate to their profitt. Item I geue to Richard Newtonne my sonne xxx*s*. Item I geue to William Newtonne my said sonne a white mare that is at Pawntonne. Item I geue to the childerne of Thomas Mussonne my sonne in lawe xxxi*s*. remaininge in his handes to goe forwardes to the vse of his said childerne. Item I geue to Henrie Askewe my sonne in lawe to the vse of his childe ne a quye and vjs. viij*d*. in monney. Item I geue to Johnne Newtonne my nevie an ewe and a lambe the best that he can chose. Item I geue to Isabell Newtonne my daughter in full content satisfaction and performance of her fathers will and also by this my last will theis parcelles followinge or els xx*li*. in monney whether she will receive that is to saie my best bed two mattresses one quylte thre coveringes of the best fyve

pare of lynnens sheetes thre paire of teare of hempe and one pare of harden sheetes vj pillowes two lynnens bord clothes two towelles one of lynnens and one of teare of hempe vij chargers fyve platters fower sawcers a latten bason thre candlestickes of the best the best bras pott two lytle ones the best panne the best brasen mortar two of the best arkes two kettelles a bigger and a les Also I will that she have boughte for her a mashefatt and a gile fatt two pailles and a sor a stand a cherne a bord a dishebenche a chaire a chafing dishe a saltseller xl shepe to take them as thei runne vj kyen two quyres a cubbord or els xs. to bye one w^t soe that she bee ordered at the discretion of my sister Coye and my sister Nixe and if she will not bee ordered or ruled by them I will that *vli*. of her parte bee equallie divided betwixte George Newtonne Roberte Newtonne and Simon Newtonne my sonnes. Item I geue to William Newtonne George Newtonne Roberte Newton and Simon Newtonne my sonnes everie one of them a bed worthe xxvjs. viij*d*. The residue of all my goodes moveable and vnmovible not geven nor bequethed my legacies and funeralles discharged I will that thei bee equallie divided betwene Thomas Newtonne George Newtonne Roberte Newtonne and Simon Newtonne my said sonnes. Also I will that my said childerne have and receive their partes above mencioned when thei shall come to the age of xvij yeres. And if it shall happen any of my said childerne to departe this worlde before thei come to the age of xvij yeres I will that their partes bee equallie divided emonges the rest of my sonnes w^{ch} have noe land geven them. Item I will that Johnne Newtonne my eldeste sonne doe geue vnto George Newtonne his brother *xli*. w^{ch} was geven him by his fathers will. Item I geue to George Newtonne my sonne a fole. Also I will y^t Johnne Newtonne and Thomas Newtonne my sonnes bee executors of this my last will and testament to performe the legacies and all other thinges conteyned as well in my husbandes will as in this my last will and testamente w^{ch} bee as yett not performed. And I will that my brother George Nixe bee supervisor of thi, my last will and testamente to se that all thinges bee ordered for the best to the vse of my said childerne. Theis beringe witnes Richard Armestronge curate, William Russell, Henrie Askewe of Harlaxtonne, w^t others.

Probatum fuit apud Bichefeld xx^o die mensis Februarij anno Domini 1565 coram magistro Johanne Aelmer archidiacono Lincolnie &c. Commissumque est onus exequutionis dicti testamenti exequutoribus supra nominatis primitus in forma iuris iuratis &c. [L.C.C. 1565, ff. 209-10.]

THIS ys THE TREWE INVENTORYE of all the goodes moveable & vnmoveable of Marye Newton of Westbie in the countie of Lincolne wydd' hadd & made the xxth daye of december in the viijth yeare of the reinge of ou^r suereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God quene of England ffrance & Irelande &c: by Henry Howett of Bassingthorpe John Burton of the same William Russell of Westbie Henry Askew of Harlexton & Richarde Newton of Wylstroppe.

IN THE HALL

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| First in the hall a table ij formes ij cheares | iijs. iiij ^d . |
| Item viij chargers ij pewter basons a little bason xj platters ij pewter dyshes ij porringers vj sawcers ij pewter saltes & a pewter potte | xlijs. |
| Item vj candlestykes & a chafingdishe | vjs. |
| Item ij brason morters w th pestolls | vijs. |
| Item vj brasse pottes | ls. |
| Item vj pannes | xxxiijs. iiij ^d . |
| Item iiij kettles & a little panne | xiijs. |
| Item a lavo ^r ij skommers & a fryinge pann | vjs. |
| Item an awnebrye ij carpettes & iiij cuschinges w th the hallinges | xixs. |

IN THE PARLOUR

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| First hyr apparell & money in hyr purse | iiij ^{li} . |
| Item vj coverleddes & a fetherbedd tycke | xls. |
| Item iiij bolsters & ij pyllows | vijs. |
| Item iiij mattresses | xxvjs. viij ^d . |
| Item ij quyktes | xs. |
| Item iiij blankettes & iiij sylver spones | xxijs. |
| Item ij beddsteades | iijs. iiij ^d . |
| Item v yardes & dimid' of russett & vij yardes & dimid' of carsaye | xxvs. |
| Item iiij arkes | xiijs. iiij ^d . |
| Item viij paire of flaxen sheetes iiij paire of teare of heme sheettes & v paire of harden sheetes | iiij ^{li} . ijs. iiij ^d . |
| Item v pyllowe beares vj tableclothes & ij table napkyns | xxiijs. |
| Item a borde & a paire of musterdequernes | ijs. iiij ^d . |
| Item xxx th yardes of lynnynge clothe & x yardes of femble | xlvs. |

IN THE CHAMBER OVER THE PARLOUR

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| Firste iij of the best coveringes | xxxiijs. iiij ^d . |
| Item iij fetherbeddes | xls. |
| Item ij bedd steades ij mattressies & the clothes vpon theme | xxs. |
| Item a table & vj other bordes | vijs. |
| Item a sidesadle a brydle & a geldinge | iiij ^{li} . xijs. viij ^d . |
| Item hangynges in the hall parlou ^r & chamber | xs. |
| Item ij bylles a paire of splynttes a stoke cards & a lynen whele | iiijjs. |
| Item a pece of clowteleather | xxd. |
| Item iiij standes ij pottes a gylefatt & a cherne | vijs. |

ITEM IN THE KYTCHINE

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| First ij rackyrans iiij potthookes & ij paire of pott hengles a gyrdyron & ij paire of tonges | ix. |
| Item a mashfatte a kneadinge tobbe a kynnell a boltinge arke a swyllingtobe & ij olde chyrnes | vjs. |
| Item a dyshebentche ij sooes ij pailles & a chyrne | ix. |
| Item iiij spyttes & a paire of cobberdes | vijs. |
| Item in the mylkehouse a chese prasse a saltinge troughe w th other things in the same house | xxs. |
| Item all that ys in the meyneys chambre | xs. |

IN THE CORNE CHAMBRE

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| Firste the chese hecke & the chest | xs. |
| Item the malte in the same chambres | xiiij ^{li} . vis. viij ^d . |
| Item vj seckes & the flackettes | vjs. iiij ^d . |

CORNE IN THE BARNE & IN THE YARDE

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| Firste wheate & rye | is. |
| Item bariye | xiiij ^{li} . vjs. viij ^d . |
| Item pease | iiij ^{li} . |
| Item oates | xs. |
| Item haye in the yarde | vli. |

CORNE IN THE FELDE SOWNE

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| Firste a seame of rye | xiijs. iiij ^d . |
| Item iiij strykes of wheate | vjs. viij ^d . |

| CATTELL IN THE YARDE & IN THE FELDE | | | | |
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| Firste | iiij | oxen | ... | vij <i>li.</i> |
| Item | xiiij | kye & v yonge beastes | ... | xx <i>li.</i> |
| Item | v | calfes | ... | xxs. |
| Item | shepe | ... | ... | xxij <i>li.</i> |
| Item | the | swyne | ... | xls. viij <i>d.</i> |
| Item | iiij | horses & meres | ... | iiij <i>li.</i> |
| Item | the | woolle | ... | ii <i>li.</i> xiijs. iiij <i>d.</i> |

| WOODDE & OTHER THINGS IN THE YARDE | | | | |
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| First | ij | waynes w th all y ^t belongeth thereto | v <i>li.</i> | iijs. iiij <i>d.</i> |
| Item | plowe | plowegeares & plowe tymbre | xxvjs. | vii <i>d.</i> |
| Item | xj | beehyves | ... | xxxs. |
| Item | all | the woodde in the yarde & hovelles | vij <i>li.</i> | |
| Item | the | quernes in the woollehouse w th other bords | ... | xxs. |
| Item | a | shepewatt a heare clothe & a gryndlestone | ... | xiijs. iiij <i>d.</i> |
| Item | iiij | pytcheforkes a horse locke ij paire of fetters a hatchett a spade & a gavelocke | ... | iiijs. x <i>d.</i> |
| Item | a | beddsteade a mattresse a pyllowe & ij coveringes | ... | viijs. |
| Item | beddinge | at Paunton | ... | xiijs. |
| Item | a | pann a pott & a kettle at Paunton | ... | xs. |
| Item | a | folde of fleakes | ... | ijs. |
| Item | iiij | stonne of hempe | ... | vjs. viij <i>d.</i> |
| Item | pulleyne | in the yarde | ... | vjs. |

SUMME TOTALL'—vij^{xx}xix*li.* vs.

[Lincoln Diocesan Registry, Inventories, 1565-6].

NO. 6. WILL OF JOHN NEWTON, OF WESTBY, 1583,
(ABSTRACT).

25 February, 1582-3. I John Newton of Westbie, yeoman, beinge secke in bodie, etc. I bequeath my soule into the handes of the almightie God and my bodie to be buried under the stone in the church yeard of Bassingthorpe. To the mother church of Lincoln iiij*d.* To the poore of Westbie and Bassingthorpe iijs. iiij*d.* To Anne my wife all my landes duringe her naturall life w^{out} anie wast either in cuttinge downe anie tymbre wood or in skredinge and also sufficientlie to maynteine the repaire. To Robert Newton my sonne the some of x*li.* and a shodwaine or els xls. in monny to be paid when he comes to the full age of one and twentie yerres. To Thomas Newton my sonne the some of x*li.* one shodwaine or els xls. to be paid at the age of xxj yerres. To Ann, Marie, and Isabell my daughters x*li.* apece to be paid at the age of xvj

yerres, and if thei marie before this tyme wth the consent of their mother then to be paid wⁱⁿ thre monethes after the solempnizinge thereof; and if god shall call anie of my said children to his mercie before thei come to the age aforesaid then I will that his or their parte or partes shall be equallie devided amonge the rest of them. To Anne my daughter one table in the handes of Robert Newton at Gonnerby. To Marie and Isabell my daughters either of them one table. To the child wth my wife goethe wth all when it cometh to the age abovesaid the some of xx*li.*; and if the said child departe this life before the age aforesaid then the portion to remaine to my said wife at her discretion be she maried or unmarried. To the Worshipfull M^r Thomas Conye M^{rs} Alice Conye his wife M^{rs} Susane Conye his daughter everie one of them a wether shepe. To George Grantham xs. To Thomas Thorpe my god child iiij*d.* To Joane Kirke my god child iiij*d.* To Ric. North iiij*d.* To Joane Balie one lambe at clipinge tyme. To Anne my wife all the rest of my goodes, whome I make the sole and onlie executrix of this my will and testament. I make Thomas Gipson of Pickworthe my brother in lawe, Will'm Newton of Skillington, George Grantham of Bytchfeild, my supervisoros to se this my last will discharged. To everie one of my servantes one lambe at martinmas if thei please my said wife, and if their happen anie doubt concerninge this my will to be decided betwixt my said wife and [sic] my children concerninge their legacies I wold Mr Chomeley of Burton to put to his helpinge hand to the decidinge or determininge of the same. These beinge witnesses, Edmund Blackeborne, Thomas Gipson, George Grauntham, John Harrison, Robert Burton, William Balye, w^t others.

Proved at Lincoln, 22 March, 1582-3, etc., by the executrix. [L.C.C., 1583, ii, f.191.]

NO. 7. ADMINISTRATION AND INVENTORY OF
RICHARD NEWTON, OF WOOLSTHORPE, 1588.

Bond in £200, dated 24 May, 1588, of Isabel Newton of Wollestropp, administratrix of the goods of Richard Newton while he lived of Colsterworth, deceased, intestate, and William Newton of Skillington, yeoman, the condition being that the above bounden Isabel Newton doe well and truly administer the goods of the above named Richard Newton, her husband, deceased. Two marks, but no names of signatories, and two seals. [L.C.C., Administrations, 1588, no. 439.] On 24 May, 1588, administration was committed to Isabel Newton, as above. [L.C.C., Probate and Administration Act Book, iii, f. 87.]

A TREW INVENTORY of all the goodes as well moveable as vnmoveable whatsoever of Rychard Newtonne of Wollstroppe wth in the parische of Colesterworth in the county of Lincoln late decessed taken the vijth day of May Anno Domini 1588. Anno regni Domine nostre Elizabethhe, &c., tricessimo.

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| Inprimis in the Hall tow standing tables w th frames | xs. |
| Item one cupboard, w th certayne sceiling and 3 formes | xviijs. |
| Item 2 carpettes and 5 quyshens | xs. |
| Item 12 pewter dishes 5 candlestickes and 2 saltes | xjs. |
| Item a fyregrate a payre of toungues w th a fyre-racke saltpype and such lyke | iijs. |
| Item in the parlour 5 coueringes one quylt 2 matreses one boulster and 9 pillowes ... | xxxvjs. |
| Item one presse 2 bedsteides 3 coaffers and one forme | xvjs. |
| Item 8 payre of flaxen shetes five payre of hearden shetes & 4 payre of hempen shetes. | iiij ^{li} . vs. |
| Item 6 towels, ij table napkins 3 table clothes a payre of linnen curtaynes & 12 pillow-beares | xxxjs. |
| Item a peice of linen cloath | iijs. |
| Item his apparrell | xls. |
| Item certayne paynted cloathes | ijs. |
| Item 3 wheeles w th certayne other implementes in the buttrye | viijs. |
| Item in the chamb ^r over the parlour 2 bedsteides 2 matreses w th a payre of paynted curtaynes | xxxijjs. |
| Item certayne linnen slippinges of yarns ... | xxs. |
| Item certayne wolle | xxxiijs. iiij ^d . |
| Item certayne sawed boardes | xiijs. iiij ^d . |
| Item one quarter of peason and ottes ... | vs. |
| Item a cradle an ould barrell a skippe a cheise-racke & one other board | vs. |
| Item bakenn | xxs. |
| Item wheate and mault in the chamber ... | xls. |
| Item a payre of quernes in the kitchen w th a dishe benke and other trine ware there ... | xxxiijs. iiij ^d . |
| Item brasse pottes and pannes | xxxiijs. |
| Item certayne iron implementes ther | xls. |

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| Item in the milkehouse a salting trowgh w th sheilves and other implementes ther ... | xs. |
| Item in the chamber over the kitchen a bedsteide w th certayne sawed boards and plow timber | xxs. |
| Item 2 seame of rawe maulte | xiijs. iiij ^d . |
| Item sackes window cloathes cartropes horse-geares 3 sadles w th certayne wodde in the stable | xxxxs. |
| Item horses and mares | viiij ^{li} . |
| Item 6 kyne 2 heigfers and 3 calves | xij ^{li} . |
| Item 50 sheeppe | xij ^{li} . xs. |
| Item 7 swyne | xlvs. |
| Item 7 hennes and a cocke | ijs. viij ^d . |
| Item 2 waynes w th gears 2 plowes w th geares and 3 harrowes | vli. xs. |
| Item wood in the yard w th hovels and houell geares | xls. |
| Item a heare a stripfatt and 2 rowlers ... | xxs. |
| Item corne in the barne | ix ^{li} . |
| Item corne in the feilde | xxli. |

SUMMA *cli. iiij^{li}. xviijs.*

Prayed by John Buddes Symon Meares William Hubberd and William Tydde the day and yeare first above written.
[L.C.C., Administrations, 1588, no. 439.]

No. 8. WILL OF WILLIAM NEWTON, OF SKILLINGTON, 1594.
(ABSTRACT).

I William Newton of Skillington, in the county of Lincoln, yeoman, being sick, etc. My body to be buried in the church of Skillington. To the mother church of Lincoln 12*d*. To the church of Skillington 6*s*. 8*d*. To the poor of Skillington, to every house that hath not a plough, one strike of malt. To my son John Newton all my land in Barowbye and Harlexton, co. Lincoln, with all my land in Skillington, and leases there or elsewhere, to wit, one close called More close in Skillington which is one of the leases, and the rest of the leases are now in my tenure, to him and his heirs male of his body; remainder to Thomas Newton and his heirs male of his body; remainder to my daughters and the heirs of their bodies. To Thomas my son and the heirs of his body all my lands in Westborowe and Denton, co. Lincoln, and Bradmore, co. Nottingham; remainder to John my son and the heirs of his body; remainder to my daughters and the heirs of their bodies. I have paid my master Mr Arminge nine score pounds of the

seventeen score pounds the purchase price of my farm at Gonnerby, and if he will make my son John a good estate in law of the farm I or my executors will pay him £400, otherwise I desire his worship to let my son John have a lease of it for the money he has already received; and Bradmore and Denton to be sold for the £400, and my son Thomas to have the lands in Barrowbye and Harlexton to him and his heirs as abovesaid. To my two sons Thomas and John all my goods in Gonnerbye. My household stuff to be divided into three parts, *viz.*, to Anne Newton my wife and Jane my daughter one, and Mary and Judith my daughters the other two parts, and to be equally divided amongst them. To Anne my wife and Jane my daughter a wayne, etc. To Judith Newton 100 sheep, etc. To my two daughters Mary and Judith 20 kye, etc. To Marye Newton my daughter 100 marks at marriage. To Judithe my daughter 100 marks at marriage. And if it please Mr Williams to have one of my daughters with her part my will is he shall have either of them. And Mr Edward Marrowe of Grantham shall have my son Thomas if he please with all rents in Barrowbye until he attain 18 years and to bring him up with some knowledge of the law. My son John to be kept at school for three or four years. Supervisors: my master Bartholomew Arminge, esquire, Richard Williams of Denton, gentleman, and Edward Marrowe of Grantham, gentleman. Executors: Robert Newton, George Newton, Richard Hickson, and Raphe Denton. My brother Robert Newton to keep my chest wherein my writing is until my son John come of age. Witnesses: George Patison scrivener, William Pilfoote, George Orsull. Dated 11 April, 1594.

Proved at London, 9 November, 1594, by the proctor of the executors named. [P.C.C., 82 Dixey.]

NO. 9. WILL OF ANNE NEWTON, OF GONERBY, 1597,
(ABSTRACT).

xjth Februarie, 1597. I, Anne Newton of Gonerbie, widowe, sicke, etc. To Prudence Woodruf, Judeth Newton, and Jane Newton, my daughters, all my wearinge lynens, smockes, kirchifes, railles, neckerchers, bandes, and suchelike whatsoever. To Jane Newton six paire of sheetes, foure paire of lynen and ij paire of the best flax hardes. To Jane Newton and William Denton, my sonne, all my puter to be equally devided betwixt them. To William Denton, my sonne, a great brase pott, my bed in the garrate chamber wth all that belongs to yt. To Simon Denton, my sonne, the fether bed that I lye upon and the standinge bed in the chamber of Richard Denton, my sonne, in Skillington, & two paire of sheetes, three

blancketes, one bolster, and one pillowe, and two coverlides. To William Denton, my sonne, fyve silver spones, the best one table clothe, and six scoore table napkins. To Jane Newton, my daughter, a kettle. To Thomas Denton, my sonne, one brase pott, a fryinge panne, one paire of cobberdes, one latten ladle, one paire of tonges, and three paire of sheetes, one paire of lynen two paire of harden, and one cove at Skillington letten to Hewerdin, one table clothe, six course napkins. To Raffe Denton thre paire of sheetes one paire of lynen two paire of harden, and one riall of gold in my purse. To Anne Parker my god daughter, thre paire of sheetes. Item to John Parker sonne. To my daughter one cove that is in the handes of Lovday at Skillington. To Richard Parker, sonne to my said daughter vjs. viij^d. in money. To Anne Vincent two paire of shetes and xs. in money. To Anne Denton, daughter to my sonne Richard Denton, ij paire of shetes and xs. in money. To Anne Towne, Ellin Parker, and Prudence Woodruf, my daughters, every one of them xxs. apeece. To Prudence six napkins, one towell, one sheet, and one pillowe cod, on napkin that lyeth in my forcer. To William Watson, my brother, xxs. To John Newton foure old silver spones and xxs. to change them wth. To Richard Towne, my daughters sonne, xxs., and to fyve other of her children xs. apeece. To Jone Robinson, vjs. viij^d. To Richard Denton, my sonne, one spurre riall of gold. To John Newton, my sonne, ij paire of shetes and vii. in money. To Thomas Newton, my sonne, vj^l. in money & ij paire of sheetes. To Jane Newton my chest that my small lynen lyeth in. To William Denton, my sonne, a counter in the howse at Gonerbie. To Ellin Parker, my daughter, my best violet gowne and my violet kirtle that is laid wth lace. To Judeth my daughter my best petycote y^t is garded wth velvyt. To Prudence Woodruf my gowne y^t I weare every halliday and my blacke kirtle that is garded wth velvet. To Anne Towne one gowne clothe of russet y^t lyeth in my counter and my best gorgit and one read peticote. To Prudence Woodruf one silke cossin. To William Denton two cussins of the best next. To Thomas Denton the other two cussins next to them. To Anne Towne my best hatt and my silke aprone. All the residue of my goodes, cattels, chattells, and debtes I give to Richard Hickson, my sonne, whom I make my sole executor. I ordaine Ralphe Denton, my sonne, supervisor. Witnes: John Newton, Ellin Parker, John Robinson, and John Wetherhed.

Proved at Lincoln, 23 February, 1597-8, and the burden of execution was committed to the executor. [L.C.C., 1597-8, ff.38, 38d.]

NO. 10. WILL OF GEORGE NEWTON, OF WESTBY, 1601,
(ABSTRACT).

10 February, 1600-1. I, George Newton, of Westby, yeoman, sicke, etc. I bequeathe my soule into the hands of almighty God stedfastly trustinge to be pardoned of all my sinnes by the deathe and passion of Christ Jesus his onely sonne and my saviour. My body to be buried within the churchyard of Bassingthorp. Vnto the mother church of Lincoln xij*d*. Towards the repayre of the church of Bassingthorp aforesaid vjs. viij*d*. Towards the repayre of the church of Northwitham vjs. viij*d*. Unto all the children of Thomas Musson of Swafeild to be equally divided amongst them one cow w^{ch} ys wth Gregory Middelbrooke of Steynby. Vnto Henry Askew, of Easton, xxs., and to his brother Richard Askewe of Harlaxton, xxs., and to W^m Askewe, his brother, xxs.; and to John Askewe and Nicholas Askewe I give xs. a peece. Vnto Agnes Askewe xxs., and to hir daughter Agnes xxs. Vnto the three sonnes of Elizabeth Baylie, of Westby, xxxs., and to hir twee daughters I give one black cowe which Richard North of Westby hath of mine. Vnto Roberte Lilly and his wyfe one cowe which they have. To William Lilly one quie which he hath of mine. Vnto the three children of my cosen, Roberte Newton, of Westby, xxs. Vnto William Bullimay and his children iijs. iiij*d*. Vnto William Wildman & his children iijs. iiij*d*. Vnto Thomas Thorp and his children iijs. iiij*d*. Vnto Richard Kirck and his wyfe ijs. To John Oxeman iijs. iiij*d*. to buy him a lambe with. To Henry Allen xij*d*. To aold North and his wyfe xij*d*. Vnto the wyfe of Robert Pell, of Newton, one black cowe w^{ch} ys wth Richard Coyes wyffe of Burton. Vnto Richard Graunt, of Westby, ijs. Vnto Bone wiffe, of Bassingthorp, xij*d*. Vnto Cecilie Thorp, xx*d*. Vnto Richard Newton, the sonne of Richard Newton, of Skillington, one bay trotting colt and one gray filly. Vnto Mary Newton, of Skillington, x*li*.; and yf yt fortune that shee marry thenn my will ys that shee shall give vnto hir yonger sister iij*li*. vjs. viij*d*.; and yf yt fortune that she depart this lyfe before shee bee married thenn my will ys y^t the whole x*li*. shalbe equally divided betwene the sayd Richard Newton and her younger sister. I give more vnto her younger sister x*li*s. Vnto Richard Coy his children xxs. to be equally divided amongst them. Unto John Dawlby, of Westby, xs. Vnto W^m Speight, of Wesby, one bayc filly w^{ch} is in his stable and is at y^e next grasse two yeares ould, and to his maid Margaret I give xij*d*. The rest of my goods and

cattels I give vnto John Newton of Skillington, whome I make sole executor to this my last will and testament except one browne cowe w^{ch} is in the hands of Hughe Redford, of Southe Stoke, the w^{ch} I give vnto him and his children; and I make Henry Askue aforesaid the supervisor of this my last will and testament. In Witnesse whereof I have hereunto set my hand the day and yeare above written. I give more vnto the towne of Bassingthorp cum Westby one cowe w^{ch} is wth Robert Atkinson conditionally y^t the hire thereof be yearely devided amongst the poorest sort of bothe the said townes.

GEORGE NEWTON his marke.

I give more to Widdow Eaton xij*d*., and to her sonne, John Eaton, vj*d*. Vnto Mary Couper and Allice Cowper vj*d*. a peece. Vnto Gregorye Middlebrooke xxvjs. viij*d*. to buy a quie wthall w^{ch} quie I will y^t he shall let goe forwards for y^e benifet of all his poore children in respect y^t cow he hathe of myne is like to be taken from him. Wyttnesses: Gregory Pell, Thomas Wellinor.

Mony owinge to the testator as followeth—

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| by m ^r Cony for a cowe | ... | ... | ... | x <i>li</i> s. |
| by W ^m Hemsworth of Ryall | ... | ... | ... | xs. |
| by W ^m Redford of Womandham | ... | ... | ... | xxs. |
| by Markhams wife of Womandham | ... | ... | ... | iiij <i>s</i> . vj <i>d</i> . |
| by Richard Withers of Melton | ... | ... | ... | xxxs. |
| by Richard Northe of Wesby | ... | ... | ... | vs. |
| by W ^m Lillye of Ingolsby | ... | ... | ... | vjs. viij <i>d</i> . |
| by George Labedge of Bassingthorp or a cove and her hire for a yeare | ... | ... | ... | xxxiijs. iiij <i>d</i> . |
| John Kerchin of Sewsterne to be payd at Michaelmas 1601 | ... | ... | ... | xxiijs. iiij <i>d</i> . |
| Wyddowe Coye of Burton | ... | ... | ... | xxxs. |
| William Speight | ... | ... | ... | xlijs. iiij <i>d</i> . |
| Roberte Burton of Bitchefeild | ... | ... | ... | xxs. |
| John Burton of Bassingthorp | ... | ... | ... | xijs. |
| Item W ^m Askew of Harlexton | ... | ... | ... | xxs. |
| Item Thomas Musson of Swafeild the w ^{ch} I will shalbe giuen to my godsonne Hughe Ellis of Witham | ... | ... | ... | vjs. viij <i>d</i> . |

A note of all the kine w^{ch} ar forth at hire belonginge to the testator 1600—

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| | At Coy wives of Burton | 1 | tearme at Mayday |
| | At Jeffery Brigges of Southwitham | ... 1 | |
| | At John Rascols of Thisselton | ... 2 | |
| | At Rafe Wingses of Burley | ... 1 | |
| All these kyen hiers are at Michaellmes 1601. and I will that Rich: North shall haue one of his kien hiers for him and his poore children w ^{ch} is iiij ^s and thother is vs. | At Leonard Daphnes of Womandham | ... 2 | |
| | At Marcams of Womandham | ... 1 | |
| | At Gregorie Middlebrooke of Gunby | ... 1 | |
| | At Hughe Redford of Stoke | ... 1 | |
| | At George Labedges | ... 1 | or 33s. 4d. |
| | At Richard Norths of Wesby | ... 2 | |
| | At John Burton of Bitchfeild | ... 1 | or 4s. |
| | At John Mellors of Bitchfeild | ... 1 | |
| | At Will'm Lillyes of Imgholdsby | ... 2 | |
| | At Rob'te Atkinsons of Bassingthorp | ... 1 | |

Proved at Lincoln, 25 April, 1601, and the burden of execution was committed to the executor. [L.C.C. 1601, ii, f. 16.]

NO. II. WILL OF JOHN NEWTON, OF GREAT
GONERBY, 1606,
(ABSTRACT).

5 August, 1606. I, John Newton, of Gonnarbie, yeoman, sicke in bodye, etc. I give and bequeath my soule vnto allmightie God my maker and to Jesus Christ his sonne my redeemer hoping by the merrittes of Jesus Christ my saviour to come to the glorious kingdome of god prepared for me and all trewe beleivers. My body to be buried where my executors shall thinke most convenyent. For such landes and tenementes as I ame possessed of in the townes of Gonnerbye, Allington, and Manthorpp, I give them all to my beloved brother, Thomas Newton, and his heires for ever. I give all my land and leases in Skillington to be sould by my executor, and the money thereof cominge to be equallye divided amongst all my half brothers and sisters of the Dentons, my

mothers first husbandes children. To my sister Maryes childe that she hadd by Thomas Vincent tenn poundes. To my sister Judithe, William Welbies wief, tenn powndes. To Jaine Newton, my sister, one hundreth poundes soe she release all other legacies given vnto hir by my father William Newton, deceased, and my mother Orby, either of them. To Elizabeth Greene that dwelleth wth Mr Marrowe twentye poundes. To the church of Grantham xxs. To the pore of the same towne vjs. viij^d. To the pore of Gonnarby xxs. All the rest of my goodes and chattelles not before given and bequeathed, my debtes and funerall expenses dischargd, I give to Thomas Newton my brother, whome I make my sole executor, of this my will and testament, not doubting but he will see the same performed according to this my will. I make supervisors of this my will Edward Marrowe, of Grantham, gent', my brother, Richard Hacksey, and my good freind William Mason, of Gonnerbie, desireing them to be aideing and assisteinge my executor, and I give to either of them xs. a peece. In witness whereof I have setto my hand and seale the day and yeare above written in ye presence of Edward Marowe, Edw: Seckar, Wm Robinson.

Proved at Lincoln, 13 September, 1606. [L.C.C. 1606, f.74.]

NO. 12. WILL AND INVENTORY OF ISAAC NEWTON,
OF WOOLSTHORPE, 1642.

Inn the name of God amen the first day of October (anno Dom' 1642) I Izacke Newton of Wolsthorpe in the parrish of Coulsterworth in the county of Lincoln yeaman sicke of body but of good and perfect memorie God be prayesed doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manier & forme followinge that is to say first I comend my soule into the handes of God my maker, hopinge assuredly through the onely merrits of Jesus Criste my Saviour to be made pertaker of life everlastinge and I commend my body to the earth whereof it was made and for my temporall estate as followeth videlicet Inprimus I give vnto Elizabeth Cristian daughter of Tho: Cristian of Skillington five poundes of corrant English money to be paid within three moneths after my deace. Item I give to Issabell Cooke daughter to John Cooke of Skillington five poundes of like lawfull English money to be paid as afore said. Item I give vnto the rest of John Cookes childrell fower poundes to be equally divided amongst them and to be paid as aforesaid. Item I give vnto Ann Newton dowghter to my brother Richard Newton seaven pounds of corrant English money to be paid as aforesaid. Item I give vnto my uncle

Richard Newton twenty shillings to be paid as aforesaid. Item I give vnto the poore of the parrish fortie shillings to be payd att my decease. Item I give ten shillings to repair the bridge betwixt Coulsterworth and Woolsthorpe. And all the rest of my goodes moveable and vnmmoveable I give vnto my loveinge wife whom I make full executrix of this my last will and testament desireinge Mr James Ascough of this my father and my brother Mr William Ascough parson of Borton to be supervisors of this my will. In witnes heare of I have heareto set my hand and seale the day and yeare above written.

Sealed and
delivered in the
presence of

IZACKE NEWTON
his x marke L.S.
(the device is a bird)

James Ascough.
William Denton.
Edward Foster.

Proved 31 October, 1642. [L.C.C., 1642, f. 446.]

.¹ the goods & chattles of Izacke Newton late
of Woolsthorpe in¹ of Coulsterworth in the
county of Lincoln yeoman deceased¹ sed the
thirteenth day October anno Dom' 1642 by vs¹ ar
heare vnder written.

| | £ | s. | d. |
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| Imprimis his purse and apparell | 22 | 00 | 00 |
| Item ten oxen & fower caulfes | 36 | 00 | 00 |
| Item sixe ky . . . ¹ eyghte younge bease and a bull | 28 | 00 | 00 |
| Item eyghte . . . ¹ eyghte bease & fower foles | 37 | 00 | 00 |
| Item seave ¹ hogges | 04 | 10 | 00 |
| Item sixe ¹ of maulte | 07 | 04 | 00 |
| Item three q . . . ¹ & a halfe of oates | 01 | 15 | 00 |
| Item corne ¹ hay | 130 | 00 | 00 |
| Item two . . . ¹ one carte a carte bodye eyghte harrows three plowes carte geares and plow geares | 08 | 00 | 00 |
| Item a leaven scoore & fowerteene sheepe | 80 | 00 | 00 |
| Item for woole | 15 | 00 | 00 |
| Item for timber bourdes spars & trasins | 22 | 00 | 00 |
| Item Two hoffells fence trebb fouldre trees and other implementes | 01 | 13 | 04 |
| Item coles & fierwood | 05 | 00 | 00 |
| Item goods in the workehouse | 01 | 00 | 00 |
| Item goods in the new stable | 03 | 00 | 00 |
| Item apples and cheese | 00 | 13 | 04 |
| Item in the hall two tables 2 cuberts & other things | 02 | 13 | 4 |

(1) Illegible.

APPENDIX

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| Item in kitchin one leade w th brewing vessell and other things | 02 | 10 | 00 |
| Item goods in the dayry | 00 | 10 | 00 |
| Item vpon bond | 15 | 00 | 00 |
| Item in the parler 3 bedsteds w th furniture one presse two chestes w th other implementes | 10 | 00 | 00 |
| Item ten paire of flaxen sheets five paire of hempen sheets 3 dozen of napkins five paire of pillowbears five towells and sixe table cloeths | 09 | 10 | 00 |
| Item in the chamber over the parler one bedsted one chest w th other implementes | 01 | 00 | 00 |
| Item in the chamber over the butterie two bed- steds w th furniture and other implem ^t | 06 | 13 | 4 |
| Item goods in the chamber the hall | 01 | 10 | 00 |
| Item in brasse & pewter | 06 | 00 | 00 |
| Item goods in the butterie | 01 | 10 | 00 |

SUMMA TOTALIS 459 - 12 - 4

WILLIAM DENTON.
EDWARD FOSTER.

RICHARD R NEWTON.
his x marke
HENRY H WHITTLE
his x marke

[Lincoln Diocesan Registry, Inventories, 1641-2, no. 66.]

NO. 13. INVENTORY OF THE GOODS OF ROBERT NEWTON,
OF CREETON.

AN INVENTORIE of the goods and chattles of Roberte
Newton, late of Creeton in the countye of Lincoln, yeoman,
deceased, made and praysed by vs whose names ar heare
vnder written the last day of June anno Dom. 1646.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|----|----|
| Imprimis his purse and apparell | 0 | 08 | 0 |
| Item in the Hall [one table & frame ¹] one chaire & other thinge | 1 | 04 | 0 |
| Item in the Parler one bedsted with furniture one presse two coveredles one blanckett and other implementes | 2 | 00 | 00 |
| Item in the Parler 3 paire of sheetes 2 table cloethes 5 napkins and one pillowbeare with other implementes | 1 | 10 | 00 |
| Item goods in the Chamber | 0 | 06 | 08 |

(1) Struck out.

| | | | | | | | |
|--|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|
| Item pewter and brasse | ... | ... | ... | ... | I | 06 | 08 |
| Item in the Kitchin 3 tubb 3 barrells and other implementes | ... | ... | ... | ... | I | 00 | 00 |
| Item one sow and piggs | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0 | 16 | 00 |
| Item bees in the garden | ... | ... | ... | ... | I | 05 | 00 |
| Item corne of the ground | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 | 00 | 00 |
| Item the lease of the house | ... | ... | ... | ... | 30 | 00 | 00 |
| | Sum is | ... | ... | ... | £43 | 16s. | 4d. |

(Signed)

[Ed]ward Foster, . . . nis Wilcookes, William Fletcher.
(L.C.C. Administrations, 1649, no. 61.)

NO. 14. WILL OF RICHARD NEWTON, OF COLSTERWORTH,
1659.

Whereas there is nothing more certaine then death and nothing more vncertaine then the tyme of dieinge. It therefore behoves everie man to settle his estate, that hee maie wth more quiet of mynde and peace of conscience fitt himselfe for death and the tyme of his appointm^t. I therefore Richard Newton of Coultsworth in the countie of Lincolne gentleman, (beinge sicke in body but of a good disposinge and perfecte memorie (blessed bee God for the same) doe hereby revoke all former wills whatsoever, whether by writinge or by word of mouth And make this my will, and the contentes herein contained, to bee my onelie last will and testam^t in manner and forme followinge. First and principallie I give and bequeath my soule to allmightie God that gave it, hopeinge to bee saved by the merrittes of Jesus Christ my savio^r and redeemer throughe his bloud, wth I praie God to strengthen in mee more and more vntill my dieinge daie And my body to bee buried in the church of Coultsworth aforesaid in decent and orderlie manner, there to expecte a glorious resurreccion att the last daie And for that estate that it hath pleased God to blesse mee wthall I dispose as followeth. First I give and bequeath to Richard Newton my eldest sonne and his heires, all my messuage in Coultsworth aforesaid, wherein I live wthall and singuler thappurtenaunces in Coultsworth aforesaid, and Woulesthorpe and Easton in the said countie And also all those two closses of pasture grounde wth their appurtenaunces in Easton aforesaid called the Rawhawes All also all [sic] my two cottages in Coultsworth aforesaid wherein Edward Northerne and George Rawlinson live wth their appurtenaunces And also certaine errable landes hereafter specified lieinge in Coultsworth Woulesthorpe and Easton aforesaid, that is to saie In the middlefeild two landes on

Bridgleis furlonge the Lordes landes lieinge on the south and Maurice Ingles on the north, Two landes on Paretree furlonge, the landes of William Whittle lieinge on the east and Richard Newton on the west, In the Northfeild, Two landes adioineinge to the landes of the said Richard Newton on the east, In the Eastfeild, three landes on Over Longemore furlonge, the Lordes landes lieinge on both sides, Three landes on Ouerstephen Wonge, the highe dike on the east, Three landes more on the same wonge, the Lordeslandes lieinge on both sides In the westfeild one lande on Longefurlonge, the landes of Thomas Cham lieinge on both sides, One lande lieinge on the same furlonge the lande of Isaacke Newton lieinge the east, And also commens and comen of pasture for two kine and other thappurtenaunces thereunto belonginge Also I give and bequeath to Robert Newton my sonne and his heires all that my messuage in Coultsworth aforesaid, wherein Richard Love now dwelleth wthall thappurtenaunces in Coultsworth Woulesthorpe and Easton aforesaid (except all my landes in this my will formerlie bequeathed) And also one cottage in Coultsworth aforesaid, wherein Symon Otter now dwelleth wthall thappurtenaunces in Coultsworth Woulesthorpe and Easton aforesaid And also my mynd and will is that my executo^{rs} hereafter named shall have take and enioy all my said messuages cottages arrable landes landes and tenementes, and all the profittes and benefittes thereof, before bequeathed to my said sonnes Richard and Roberte vntill such tymes as they shall seuerallie accomplish their severall ages of one and twentie yeares, for and towards the educacion and bringinge vp of the said Richard and Robert, And also for and towards the payment of the debts of mee the said Richard Newton and also for the palem^t of the legacies and porcions in this my will bequeathed, and for the educacion and bringinge vp of theis my three daughters hereafter named. Also I give and bequeath to my nephew Robert Christian and his heires all my cottage in Coultsworth aforesaid, wherein Thomas Poole now liueth wth all thappurtenaunces in Coultsworth Woulesthorpe and Easton aforesaid Also I give and bequeath to Marie Newton my daughter fourescore poundes to bee paid her att the age of [one] and twentie yeares and also one bedd, one cubberd, one cheare, one presse and one chest wthall lynnens and other thinges therein, w^{ch} were her mothers. Also I give and bequeath to my daughter Jane Newton fiftie poundes to bee paid her att the age of one and twentie yeares Also I give and bequeath to my daughter

Elizabeth Newton thirtie poundes to bee paid her att the age of one and twentie years. And if it shall happen that anie of my said doughters shall die before they shall accomplish the age of one and twentie yeares, then their legacies or porcions shall bee equallie devided betweene my executo^{rs} and the surviuo^{rs} of them. All my goodes and chattells vnbequeathed, my debts paid and funerall expences discharged, I give and bequeath to Elizabeth my wiffe and Richard my said sonne whom I make executo^r of this my last will and testament and also my mynd and will is, and I would desire my said nephew Robert Christian to bee supervisor of this my will and testament, that hee wth the assistaunce of my freindes maie see this my will performed and educacion and bringenge up of my children, and their preferment and advancement in mariage and the setlinge and orderinge their estates. And I doe give my said nephew twentie shillings in token of my love. In witness whereof I the said Richard Newton have herevnto sett my hand and seale the twelfth daie of december in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand sixe hundred fiftie and nyne

RICHARD NEWTON L.S.

Redd signed and sealed
and [*sic*] the presence of
Robert Christian

Henery x Longlands his marke

Thomas x Nethers his marke

Proved at Lincoln, 4 October, 1660, by Elizabeth Newton, reserving power to commit administration to Richard when he shall come, etc. [L.C.C., 1660, f.197.]

NO. 15. WILL OF HANNAH SMITH, OF WOOLSTHORP, 1672.

In the name of God amen. I Hannah Smith of Woolstrop in the parrish of Coulsterworth in the county of Lincoln widdow, being of sound & perfect health and memory (praised be God for it) do make this my last Will & Testament in form & manner following. That is to say first & principally I commend my soule unto Almighty God, hoping to be saved by the merits of my blessed Redeemer Jesus Christ; & my body to be buried in such decent & christian manner as my executor hereafter named shall think fit. And as to such worldly estate as the Lord in mercy hath lent me my will is that it be employed and disposed as followeth. Imprimis I give unto the poore of the parrish of Coulsterworth and Woolstrop the summ of five poundes to be distributed by the

overseers of the poor proportionally to the wants of each poor family in the said parrish. Item to each of them that shall be my servants at the time of my decease I give the summ of fourty shillings: excepting my servant William Cottam to whome in consideration of his true and faithfull services I give the summ of five poundes if he shall be then my servant, otherwise I give him the summ of fourty shillings. Item I give unto my sister Sarah Cook the summ of five poundes. Item I give unto my sonn Thomas Pilkington the summ of twenty poundes. Also to my daughter Mary Pilkington I give the summ of twenty poundes. Also to my grandchildren Hazelwood Pilkington, Thomas Pilkington, Mary Pilkington, & George Pilkington, I give the summ of fourty poundes to be divided equally amongst them, that is to say to each of them tenn poundes. And my will is that all these legacies be payd by mine executor within three months after my decease: and also that the receipt of my sonn Thomas Pilkington or of my daughter Mary Pilkington be a sufficient discharge for mine executor of and from the legacies given to my grandchildren afforesaid. Item whereas all accounts between me and my son Benjamin Smith to and for us our heires executors administrators and assignes have been mutually released acquitted and determined, that is to say, on my part for the charges of his education, and on his part for the rents and all profits whatsoever issuing out of his estate or any part of it during his minority; and in recompense for the excess of accounts on his part I have further released unto him my right which I had by dowry in the third part of that his estate, reserving onely ten poundes to be payd out of it yearely unto me during my life time; and have also given unto him my said son Benjamin Smith and to his heires and assignes for ever one close called the Moor Close lying in the feilds of Seusterne, in the county of Lincoln [*sic*] afforesaid and also an annuity of fourty poundes by the yeare issuing out of the lands of Thomas Tyer of Seustern afforesaid: I do hereby, out of my naturall affection further give unto my said sonn Benjamin Smith the summ of fifty poundes to be paid by mine executor within three months after my decease. Item I give unto my daughter Hannah Smith all my household goods, provided that she be not married before the time of my decease. Item I give unto my said daughter Hannah Smith the summ of three hundred poundes to be payd unto her at the age of three & twenty yeares as a further augmentation of the portion given her by her father Barnabas Smith in his last will and

testament namely two silver bolles and five hundred pounds to be payd unto her at the day of marriage or at the age of one and twenty yeares which should first happen. Which legacies given unto her by her father and me my will is that they be paid unto her by mine executor at such times as they shall become due. Provided always that the use of the said three hundred pounds from the time that it is given by this my will, untill one yeare after my decease, be not payd or accounted for by mine executor. Provided also that the use of the said five hundred pounds from the time that it becomes due untill six months after my decease be accounted for and abated out of the said three hundred pounds, and the residue onely payd by mine executor. Provided also that if my said daughter Hannah Smith or her assignes shall receive her portion in my life time, then my executor is discharged and released of and from the payment of the said portion given her by her father and also that the portion of three hundred pounds given her by me in this my will shall cease and determine and not at all be payd unto her, excepting onely twenty pounds thereof. Provided also that if my said daughter Hannah Smith shall dye before the age of three and twenty yeares, then the legacy of three hundred pounds given to her in this my will shall cease and determine and not at all be payd by mine executor. Item I give unto my sonn Isaac Newton and to his heires and assignes for ever one close lying in the fields of Buckminster in the county of Lincoln [*sic*] afforesaid which I purchased of Thomas Fountain. Item I give unto my said sonn Isaac Newton and to his heires and assignes for ever one close lying in the feilds of Buckminster afforesaid which I purchased of Henry Hill. Item I give unto my said sonn Isaac Newton and to his heires and assignes for ever all that house called the Ling house with the ground and other appurtenances thereunto belonging scituate lying and being in the feilds of Woolstrobe afforesaid which I lately purchased of Richard Head. Item I give unto my said sonn Isaac Newton the whole use and profit of all legacies given by this my will until such time as they shall become due. Item all the rest of my goods and chattells not formerly bequeathed by this my will I give unto my said sonn Isaac Newton whome I make executor of this my last will and testament; revoking hereby all former wills and testaments by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seale in both the pages of this my last will and testament this the one and twentieth day of March in the five and twentieth yeare of the raign of our

soveraigne Lord Charles the second of England Scotland France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, &c., Annoque Domini 1672.

Signed sealed published and declared
in the presence of

ROBERT PRICE.

WILLIAM WALKER.

HANNA SMITH. LS.

Proved II June, 1679, at Lincoln. [L.C.C. 1679, ii, ff. 406-7.]

NO. 16. WILL OF BARNABAS SMITH, OF NORTH WITHAM,
1653.

I Barnabas Smith of North Witham in the county of Lyncolne clarke, doe make my will and testament on the seventeenth day of this present August anno Domini 1653. First I bequeath my soule into the hands of almighty God in assurance that hee will receive it and preserve it for the merritts and through the mediacion of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and I also bequeath my body into the hands of the same Almighty God in assurance that he will also raise itt upp with a joyfull resurrection at the last day. Of all my lands and worldly goodes I dispose after the manner followinge Imprimis I gyve to my only sonne Benjamin Smith all my lands to be possessed and enjoyed by him on the day of his marriage or att the age of twenty one yeares which shall come first. Item I gyve to my daughter Mary Smith five hundred poundes of lawfull English money to bee paid unto her by my executor upon her day of marriage or att the age of twenty one yeares which shall come first. Item I gyve unto my daughter Hannah Smith fyve hundred poundes of lawfull English money to bee paid unto her by my executor upon her day of marriage or att the age of twenty one yeares which shall come first. Item I gyve to my sonne Benjamin Smith one silver tankard to bee possessed by him upon his day of marriage or att the age of twenty one yeares which shall come first. Item I gyve to my daughter Mary Smith my houses within the cloase att Lyncolne and also one silver bole to bee enjoyed and possessed by her upon her day of marriage or att the age of twenty one yeares which shalbee first. Item I gyve to my daughter Hannah Smith two small silver bowles one whereof is gilt to bee possessed by her upon her day of marriage or at the age of twenty one yeares which shall come first. Item my will is that if my sonne Benjamin Smith shall dye without issue lawfully begotten of his body that then all my said lands shalbee my daughters Mary and Hannah Smith

to bee divided by even and equall portion. And my will further is that if any or two of my children dye without issue lawfully begotten on their bodies that then my legacies heere bequeathed to them shall goe to the survivour or survivours. And my will is that if all my three children dye and leave no yssue begotten by them that then all my lands and legacies heere bequeathed shalbee my beloved wife Hannah Smithes and her heires and assignes for ever. Item I gyve to the poore of North Witham and Lobthorpe fyve pounds to bee distributed by my executor amonge them or by whom shee shall appoynt. Item I gyve to the poore of Coulsterworth and of Wolstrobe two pound to bee distributed among them by my executor or by whom shee shall appoynt. Item I gyve to the poore of South Witham fourty shillings to bee distributed by my executor or by whom shee shall appoynt. Item I gyve to my servants which shall happen to bee my servants when I goe out of this worlde twenty shillings a peece. The rest of my goods unbequeathed moveable and unmoveable I gyve and bequeath to my beloved wife Hannah Smith whom I make my sole and full executor of this my last will and testam^t. In testimony whereof I have heerunto subscribed my hand and seale. By mee Barnabas Smith. Witnessed by James Ascough the elder James Ascough the younger John Broughton.

This will was proved att Westminster the eighth day of February in the yeare 1653-4, before the Judges for probate of wills and grantinge of administracions lawfully authorized, by the oath of Hannah Smith relict and sole executrix named in the said will, to whom was committed administracion of all and singular the good chattells and debts of the said deceased shee beinge first sworne truly to administer the same. [P.C.C., 108 Alchin.]

NO. 17. WILL OF RICHARD NEWTON, OF COLSTERWORTH,
1684, (ABSTRACT).

19th April, 1684. I Richard Newton of Cowlsterworth, yeoman, being sicke of body. I bequeath my soule into the hands of Almightye God my maker and my body to the earth from whence it came decently to be buried as neare unto my faither or brother as convenience will permitt hoping hereafter to have a ioyfull resurrection through my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and as for my wordly goods which God haith indued me with all as followeth Unto my sonn Rob't Newton the messuage house withall the land tennaments and appurt-

enances thereunto belonging wherein my mother Elizabeth Newton now liveth after the decease of the said Elizabeth my mother Unto the said Robert my sonn my cottage house wherein John Sills now liveth and my cottage house wherein John Love now liveth with all the appurtenances to them two belonging with the cottage wherein formerly one Simon Otter did live with all the appurtenances to it belonging when he shall accomplish the age of one and twentie yeares of age, and also I geve unto the said Rob't my Rofus closes when he shall accomplish the age aforesaid. Unto Elizabeth Newton my eldest daughter one hundred and sixtie pounds the one halfe to be paid unto her if need requier when she shall accomplish the age of eighteene yeares and the other halfe when she shall accomplish the age of one and twentie yeare and to be paid her by my executors. Unto the said Elizabeth my daughter one chest and one little table with a drawer in it which stands in the chamber over the parlour. Unto Ann Newton my other daughter one hundred and fiftie pounds to be paid unto her by my executors when she shall accomplish the age of one and twentie yeares of age. Item my will is that if either of my two daughters Elizabeth or Ann shall happen to die before they accomplish the said yeares of age before expresed that then there said portions by me before bequeathed to them shalbe equally divided betwixt my executors. The rest of my estate I give unto Elizabeth my wife and Rob't my sonn whome I institute and ordaine to be full and ioynt executors of this my last will. I doe desier my two brothers Willi' Lunn and George Morris to be supervisors that they with the assistance of my frends may see my will performed, and I doe give unto my said brothers in token of my love five shillings a peece. In witness hereof I the said Richard Newton have set to my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written

Richard x Newton
his marke

Signed and sealed in the
presence of us

Willi' x Lunn

his marke

George Morris jun'

George Rowlinson

Proved at Lincoln, 22 May, 1684, the executrix being personally sworn in form of law, saving the right, etc. [L.C.C., 1684, ii, f. 126.]

No. 18. WILL OF ELIZABETH NEWTON, 1698,
(ABSTRACT).

I Elizabeth Newton, of Colsterworth, widow. I bequeath my soule into y^e handes of Almighty God, etc. My body to y^e earth to be decently buried in y^e church as near my husband as conveniency wil permitt. To my grandson Rich^d Newton y^e summe of £30 which lyes in his mothers handes to be put out for his use immediately after my decease and the said summe with interest to be paid him by my execut^r at y^e age of 21 years, or if he should go to the university then to be paid him sooner as he shall have occasion for it there. Unto Elizabeth Newton, my grandchild, one trunk, one bedsted, a counterpain, my best sett of curtaines, y^e bed and bedding thereunto belonging, one brass pott, one brass pan, and two pewter dishes. To my grandchild, Ann Newton, one trunk, six flaxen napkins, two pillowbeeres, one holland y^e other flaxen, a pair of flaxen sheetes, one brass pott, one brass pan, and two pewter dishes. To Tho: Lacy, my nephew, 20s. To Jane Lacy, my neece, 20s., one apron, and one pettycoat. To Dorothy Lacy, my neece, 20s., one box, and one pettycoat. To Jane Beshie, my neece, 20s., one pettycoat, and a white apron. Unto Ann Beshie, her daughter, 20s., and a manta. Unto Rob^t Sison, my nephew, 5s. Unto Rob^t Sison, his son, 20s. Unto Samuell Kendall, my nephew, 20s. Unto Rob^t Christian, my husbands grandchild, 5s. Unto John Christian, his brother, 10s., and 5s. to his children to be equally distributed amongst them. Unto Ann y^e widdow of Simon Whittle deceased my husbands grandchild 10s. Unto Mary Pindar, y^e daughter of John Pindar, of Gunby, deceased, 5s. Unto Richard Pindar, son of y^e said John Pindar, 5s. Unto Eliz: Newton, my daughter in law, a guinea. Unto John Cook, of Easton, John Cook, his son, Isabell y^e wife of Richard Musson, Alice Cook, Ellen Cook, Mary Cook, 2s. 6d. apiece. Unto John Musson son of Rich^d Musson aforesaid, 5s. Unto those servants y^t shall be with me at my departure as followeth: to the maid a manta pettycoat and apron, to the man 5s., to the boy 2s. 6d. Unto the poor of the parish 20s. All the rest of my goods and chattells I give unto Rob^t Newton, my grandchild, whom I make sole execut^r of this my last will and testament. Dated 12 October, 1698. The mark of Eliz: E Newton Ls.

Witnesses: Nicholas Troughton, John Troughton, Thomas x Bulley, his mark

Proved at Grantham, 13 May, 1701, by the executor.
[L.C.C., 1701, f.158.]

No. 19. WILL OF RICHARD NEWTON, OF COLSTERWORTH,
1721, (ABSTRACT).

10 Jan., 1721. I Richard Newton of Colsterworth, yeoman, being sick and weak in body. I commend my soul to Almighty God my Creator, assuredly believing that I shall receive full pardon and free remission of a'l my sins, and be saved by the precious death and merits of my Blessed Saviour and Redeemer Christ Jesus. My body to the earth from whence it was taken, etc., etc. Unto Elizabeth Newton my wife; and to my daughter Anne Newton, whom I joyne sole executrix together all my personall estate goods and chattels whatsoever to be equally shared and divided betwixt them. I desire that my brother Robert Newton may have that part of goods & chattels that will fall to my daughter after my debts and funerall charge is paid to take care of it for her untill she come at age or have occassion for it. In witness wherof I have set my hand & seal the day and year above written.

Sealed signed and declared Richard Newton Ls.
in the presentes of
George Annis
Henry Ingle

Proved 6 February, 1721, by Elizabeth Newton, the relict.
[L.C.C., 1721, i, f. 122.]

No. 20. WILL OF JOHN NEWTON, OF WOOLSTHORPE,
1725, (ABSTRACT).

In the name of God Amen. The 19th day of September, Annoque Dom. 1725. I John Newton of Woolsthorpe in the parish of Colsterworth, and in the county of Lincolne, yeoman; being sick and weak in body, etc. To be buried in such decent and christian manner as to my execut^r hereafter named shall be thought meet. To my son, John Newton, one farme house and all the land thereunto belonging together with all outhouses and all other priviledges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or hath been holden and enjoyied by Thomas Hubbard, of Colsterworth, as part and parcell of the said farme, now in the tenure and occupation of the afforesaid Thomas Hubbard; all which said farme the same I give unto my son, John Newton, whome I do make full heir and executor of all my whole estatat [*sic*] both real and personall immediately after my decease to him and his heirs. To my son John Newton one farme house which I now dwell [in] in Woolsthorpe, together with all out houses edifices, and

buildings, and all homesteads and all other previledges and apurtenances thereunto belonging or holden as parte or parcell thereof imediately after my decease to him & his heirs, he allowing & paying unto Martha, my wife, a third parte of both farames [*sic*] dureing the terme of her life. To my daughter, Mary Newton, £20 to be paid by the above named John Newton, whome I make full executo^r, within one year after the said John Newton come to the age of one and twenty years. To my daughter, Alice Newton, £20 to be paid her within one year after she come to the age of one and twenty years. And if it should hapen that either the said Mary or Alice should departe this life before their portion become due, the said portion shall be paid to the other sister one half, and the other to the executor. To my son, John Newton, all my personall estate, goods, and chattels, whome I make sole executo^r. JOHN NEWTON L.S. Witnesses: Robert Newton, Tho. Perciuall, John Groves, Henry Ingle.

Proved by the oath of the executor [no date]. [L.C.C., 1726, f.154.]

NO. 21. WILL OF ROBERT NEWTON, OF COLSTERWORTH, 1734.
(ABSTRACT).

I Robert Newton of Colsterworth. To my wife, Martha Newton, the messuage or tenement which I live in, with all the houses, etc., thereto belonging, and also all my lands arable, meadow, or pasture ground, containing fifty acres heretofore used and occupied with the said messuage, and also those three closes of pasture ground scituate in Easton in the county of Lincoln, known by the name of Rhahaws closes, and also those two cottages in Colsterworth in the several tenures of John Hodgkin and John Burton, To hold to her and her assigns for the term of her life, and after her decease, then, I devise them to my nephew, Richard Taylor, and to his heirs for ever. I give my messuage farm house now in the occupation of my nephew, Richard Taylor, and all the closes and land belonging to the said farm in which he now lives, after the decease of my mother Elizabeth Newton, to the said Richard Taylor and his heirs for ever; and I apoint that he do allow and pay to my mother as he hath formerly done during the time of her natural life. To my nephew, Richard Taylor, two lands and the greensword at the end of them lying in the Beck Field which I purchased of Henry Ingle, and those three leys at Watney Wells, and that piece of greensword at Live Bank, which I purchased of Robert Christian. I give my messuage, lands, and tenements which I

purchased of Mr Thomas Sturgess, late in the occupation of Thomas Stimson, to my nephew, Robert Taylor, and his heirs for ever. I do appoint the Rev^d Mr Mason to receive the rent of the said messuage or farm, for the use of the said Robert till he marry or comes to the age of twenty five years, which shall first happen. To my sister, Elizabeth Taylor, 20s. To my niece, Elizabeth Taylor, £30, to be paid within twelve months after my decease, and £20 which sum is in the hands of her father Richard Taylor. To my nephew, Richard Taylor, my watch. To my two nephews, Richard and Robert Taylor, all my clothes and wearing apparel, woollen and linnen, to be divided between them. To John Christian senior 10s. To the poor of the parish 40s. My will is that the pewter, case, long table, the press, and great chest be left in the house as heirlooms. Unto my wife all the rest of my house hold goods together with the corn, grain, and malt in the house, and also all the fewel, wood, and coals upon or about the premises. The rest of my goods I give to my wife, Martha Newton, and my nephew, Richard Taylor, whom I make sole executors. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 13th day of June, 1734. ROBERT NEWTON.

In the presence of: Tho: Mason, John Ingle, Esther Ingle.

Proved, 3 July, 1734, by Martha Newton & Richard Taylour, the executors.

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NO. 22. WILL OF JOHN NEWTON, OF COLSTERWORTH, 1737.
(ABSTRACT).

I John Newton, of Colsterworth, yeoman. Unto my mother, Martha Newton, during the term of her life all the yearly rent or income of that estate in the libertys of Colsterworth and Woolsthorpe being in the tenure and occupation of Peter Groves. After her decease, I give unto my two sisters, Mary Bridges and Allice Newton, the reversion of the said estate (to be equally divided between them share and share alike), to them and their heirs for ever. I appoint my mother, Martha Newton, sole executrix. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 31st day of May, 1737. JOHN NEWTON. L.S. In the presence of: Tho: Mason, John Ingle, Peter Groves.

Proved 2 October, 1737, by Martha Newton, the executrix.
[L.C.C., 1737.]

No. 23. AFFIDAVIT OF SIR ISAAC NEWTON.

SIR Isaac Newton, of St James's parish in the county of Middlesex, knight, and Master and Worker of Her Majesty's Mint, voluntarily maketh Oath that this Deponent hath a deed of feoffment of John Newton, who was (as he hath reason to believe) his great grandfather's father dated the 10th day of December, in the fourth yeare of Queene Elizabeth the first the yeare 1562, wherein by the name of John Newton of Westby in the County of Lincoln, he settled his Estate in Woolstroppe, in the parish of Colsterworth in the said County, on his five sons, Richard, George, Robert, Symon and William Newton, and their heirs successively; Which said John Newton, by agreement of time, and being called of Westby, he verily believes to have been the same person with one John Newton, whom he finds by an attested extract of the register of Basingthorp cum Westby aforesaid, to have been buried in that Church on the 22nd day of December, Anno Dom. 1563, being the yeare after the said feoffment, and likewise to have been the same person mentioned in a Visitation of Lincolnshire made in or about the year 1634, now remaining in the Herald's Colledge in London, there called John Newton, first son of John Newton of Westby aforesaid, and Brother of Thomas Newton, Richard Newton, and William Newton, of Gunnerby, great grandfather of Sir John Newton, of Hather in the said County, Baronet; he having by tradition from his kindred ever since he can remember, reckoned himselfe next of kin (among the Newtons) to Sir John Newton's family, and having also, about fifty-four or fifty-five years ago, heard his grandmother Ascough (with whom he lived at Wylstroppe aforesaid, alias Woolstroppe, till he was about eleven years old, and who at that time frequently conversed with the Deponent's great Uncle, Richard Newton) say, that he, this Deponent, was or had been next heir att law to M^r Newton, of Hather, until the birth of M^r Newton's children, who were then two or three infants, and that he and they were cousins two or three times removed, or words to that purpose, and he, this Deponent, believing that his said Grandmother, upon the marriage of her daughter with his father, might learn the kindred, and that his grandfather Newton, to promote the marriage, might be forward to speak of itt, representing himself to be cousin once removed, and next heir to the said M^r Newton, att that time six or seven years under age, afterwards father to Sir John Newton. And further this Deponent saith, that Richard Newton first above mentioned is great grandfather and first son of the second John Newton, enjoyed

the said estate at Woolstroppe, according to the said Settlement, as appears by a deed in this Deponent's possession, of settlement of the said estate on this Deponent's father and mother, dated the 30th day of December, in the 15th yeare of King Charles the First, 1639, made by Robert Newton, the eldest son of the said Richard, and this Deponent's grandfather, wherein are these words (and which formerly descended and came unto the said Robert Newton after the death of Richard Newton, father to the said Robert Newton), and this Deponent saith, that he finds by an attested copy of the register of Colsterworth cum Woolstroppe aforesaid, that one Richard Newton was buried there the 30th day of April, 1588, whom he believes to be the same Richard, his grandfather's father. And the said Robert Newton he finds to have been buried at Colsterworth aforesaid by the said extract, on the 20th day of September, 1641, leaving issue three sons, first Isaac Newton, mentioned in the said deed of settlement of the 15th of King Charles the First, and whom he finds by Colsterworth register to have been baptized the 21st of December 1606; secondly, Robert Newton, baptized likewise the 27th of September 1607, who lived afterwards at Countthorp in the same county, and whose issue are still living; and thirdly, Richard Newton, baptized likewise there the 9th of April, 1609, who lived at Colsterworth, and left issue still remaining there. And further this Deponent saith, that the said Isaac, this Deponent's father married Hannah daughter of James Ascough of Market Overton in the County of Rutland, Gentleman, and that he was buried at Colsterworth aforesaid, on the 6th day of October, 1642, seized of the said estate of Woolstroppe, which is descended to, and now is enjoyed by, this Deponent his only child, who was born the 25th of December, and baptized the 1st day of January in the said yeare 1642. This deponent's mother, Hannah Ascough, remarried to Barnabas Smith, Rector of North Witham in Lincolnshire, by whom she had issue Mary, Benjamin, and Hannah, each of which have issue remaining.

In witness whereof this Deponent hath hereunto put his hand and seale, this two and twentieth day of November, Anno Dom. 1705.

Isaac Newton



Jurat' 22^o die Novembris, 1705.

Coram me Magistro Cancell. S. Keck.

NO. 24. AFFIDAVIT OF SIR JOHN NEWTON, 1705.

Sir John Newton, of Thorpe in the parish of Hather, in the county of Lincoln, Baronet, aged about fifty-three years, certifieth that this deponent hath heard his father, Sir John Newton, Baronet, aged about seventy and three years at the time of his death, speak of Isaac Newton Master of Arts and Fellow of Trinity Colledge in Cambridge, now Sir Isaac Newton, Knight, Master and Worker of her Ma^{ties} Mint in the Tower of London and of St James's Parish in the County of Middlesex, as of his Relation and Kinsman. And this deponent saith, that upon his view of a copy of an entry of the family of Newton, said to be entered in a visitation of the said county of Lincoln, made in or about the year 1634, and said to be now remaining in the Herald's Colledge in London, he finds one John Newton of Westby in the said County, mentioned to have had four sons, viz. John Newton, Thomas Newton, Richard Newton, and one William Newton, of Guimerby in the said County, which said William Newton was his great Grandfather, and believes the said Sir Isaac Newton to be descended from the said John Newton, son to John Newton, of Westby, the Common Ancestor, and first mentioned in that entry, but knoweth not in what particular manner, but that the said Sir Isaac hath alwaies been reckoned by him of the same name and blood with his family.

In witness whereof the said Sir John Newton hath hereunto set his hand and seal this 21st day of November, in the year 1705.

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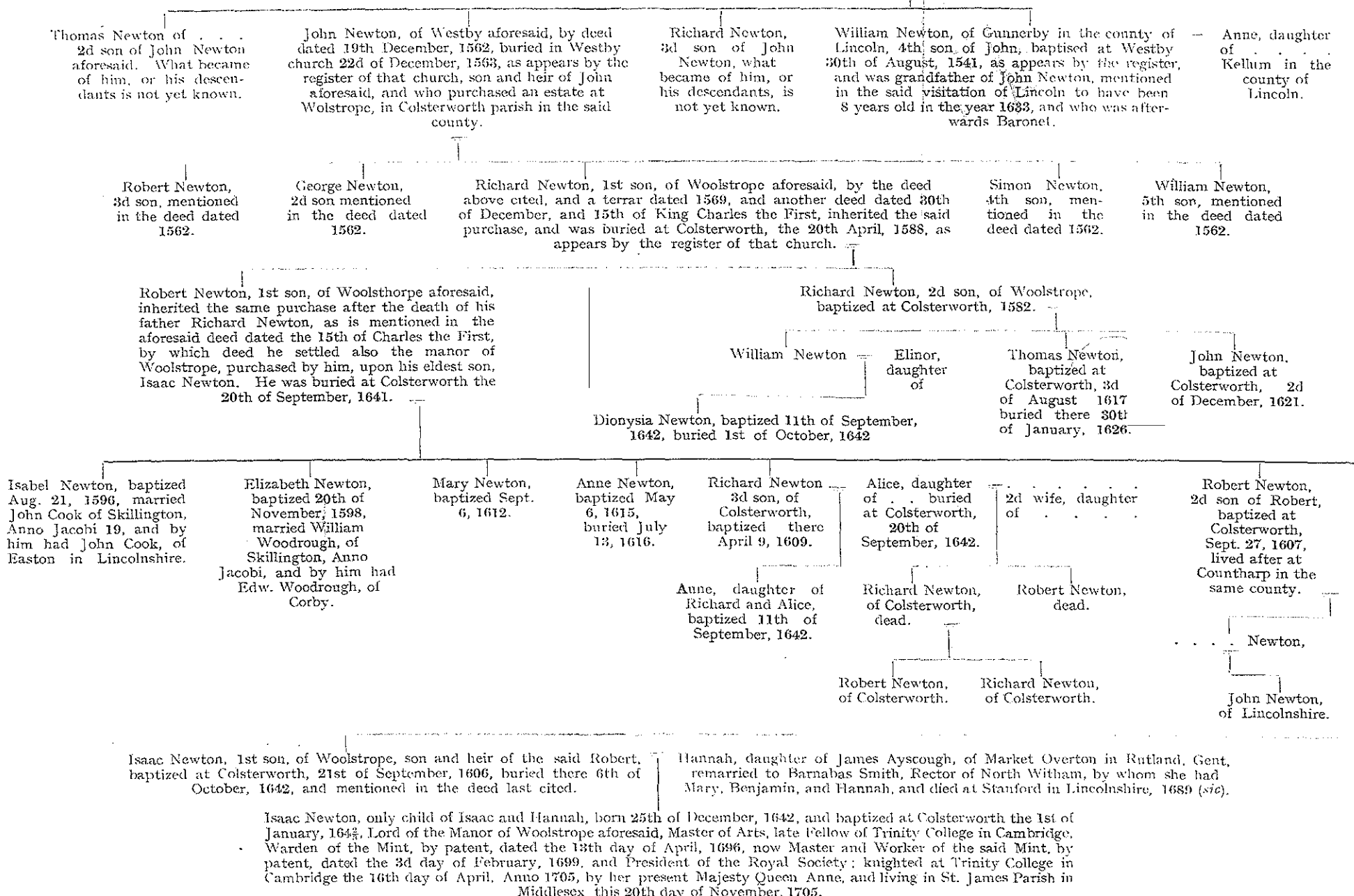
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Pedigree of Newton copied from the entry made by Sir Isaac Newton, with his Affidavit accompanying it.

(College of Arms, MS. 2 D. 14)

JOHN NEWTON, of Westby, in the County of Lincoln, in Basingthorp Parish, first mentioned in the Visitation of Lincoln in the year 1634



Isaac Newton, 1st son, of Woolstrope, son and heir of the said Robert, baptized at Colsterworth, 21st of September, 1606, buried there 6th of October, 1642, and mentioned in the deed last cited.

Hannah, daughter of James Ayscough, of Market Overton in Rutland, Gent, remarried to Barnabas Smith, Rector of North Witham, by whom she had Mary, Benjamin, and Hannah, and died at Stanford in Lincolnshire, 1689 (*sic*).

Isaac Newton, only child of Isaac and Hannah, born 25th of December, 1642, and baptized at Colsterworth the 1st of January, 1644. Lord of the Manor of Woolstrope aforesaid, Master of Arts, late Fellow of Trinity College in Cambridge. Warden of the Mint, by patent, dated the 13th day of April, 1696, now Master and Worker of the said Mint, by patent, dated the 3d day of February, 1699, and President of the Royal Society; knighted at Trinity College in Cambridge the 16th day of April, Anno 1705, by her present Majesty Queen Anne, and living in St. James Parish in Middlesex this 20th day of November, 1705.

Examined Peter Le Neve, Norroy.

This pedigree above written, I do aver to be true to the best of my knowledge. Witness my hand,

[The affidavit is printed in the Appendix, no. 23]

ISAAC NEWTON.

PEDIGREE No. IV.—KEY PEDIGREE OF SIR ISAAC NEWTON'S FAMILY

The numerals in italic type correspond with similar numerals in the text. References to the text are enclosed within brackets.

